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Welcome to NOW COMICS! It's my pleasure to tell you about the excellent comic books we will be bringing you every month. With four titles released through May/June, and two more near the end of the summer, I feel NOW COMICS has the best, and strongest, line-up of books and talent ever assembled by a new comic book company. Each book, loaded with professional storytelling and art, is guaranteed to entertain!

In May, NOW's first releases are a pair of black and white titles, RALPH SNART ADVENTURES and EB'NN.

C.P.A.s in outer space?! Russian spies?! Comic artists of the 1950s?! RALPH SNART ADVENTURES promises to go where no other comic book has gone before. Artist, Marc Hansen dreams up one outrageous adventure after another for everyone's favorite mild mannered accountant-gone-mad, RALPH SNART! Influenced by the classic EC comics, Marc's humorous style has already caught the attention of our competitors. My personal favorite, RALPH SNART ADVENTURES will be a three issue, monthly mini-series for only \$1.00!

Already a popular series, EB'NN has joined the NOW line-up with issue #3! With excellent black and white art by Chris Ecker and Mike Schneider and written by yours truly, EB'NN continues to improve with each issue. Drawn in a serious-"funny animal" style, EB'NN features a sword-wielding raven, an opinionated rabbit (Jack), and an orphaned cub (Tiger), in adventures that range from the dangerous to the satirical. A variety of back-up features are highlighted in each issue; including the hard-boiled dinosaur detective, SILVERWING by Mark A. Nelson, the world war escapades of COMBAT WOMBAT AND HIS HOWLIN' CRITTERS by Grass Green, and the return of Jim Engles' DICK DUCK, DUCK DICK! EB'NN is bi-monthly (starting with #4, shipping Aug. 31) for \$1.50.

During the month of June, NOW COMICS releases two full color titles, VECTOR and SYPHONS!

One of the most unusual and innovative comic books to be produced in many years, VECTOR promises to be the "ultimate visual experience"! Combining both normal comic art with full color computer generated graphics, Jim McGreal, artist/programmer, has created a book unlike anything else on the stands. I've just recently seen the color proofs of VECTOR, with the computer effects, and it is stunning. VECTOR, a bi-monthly, in full color on premium 70 white paper, for \$1.50.



Not really a fan of the super-team comic (I realize I'm in the minority!), it was a pleasant surprise to read the preview of SYPHONS. A nice blending of hi-tech and super-powered teenagers, SYPHONS moves at a steady pace, with plenty of interesting characters and exciting action. I really give Allen Curtis, writer/artist, credit for infusing new blood into a well worn genre. Allen tells a nice story with some beautiful artwork, which gets better with each page. Also featured is an extraordinary back-up series by Russ Miller, SAVANT, the last name in mercenaries! SYPHONS is also bi-monthly and in full color for \$1.50.

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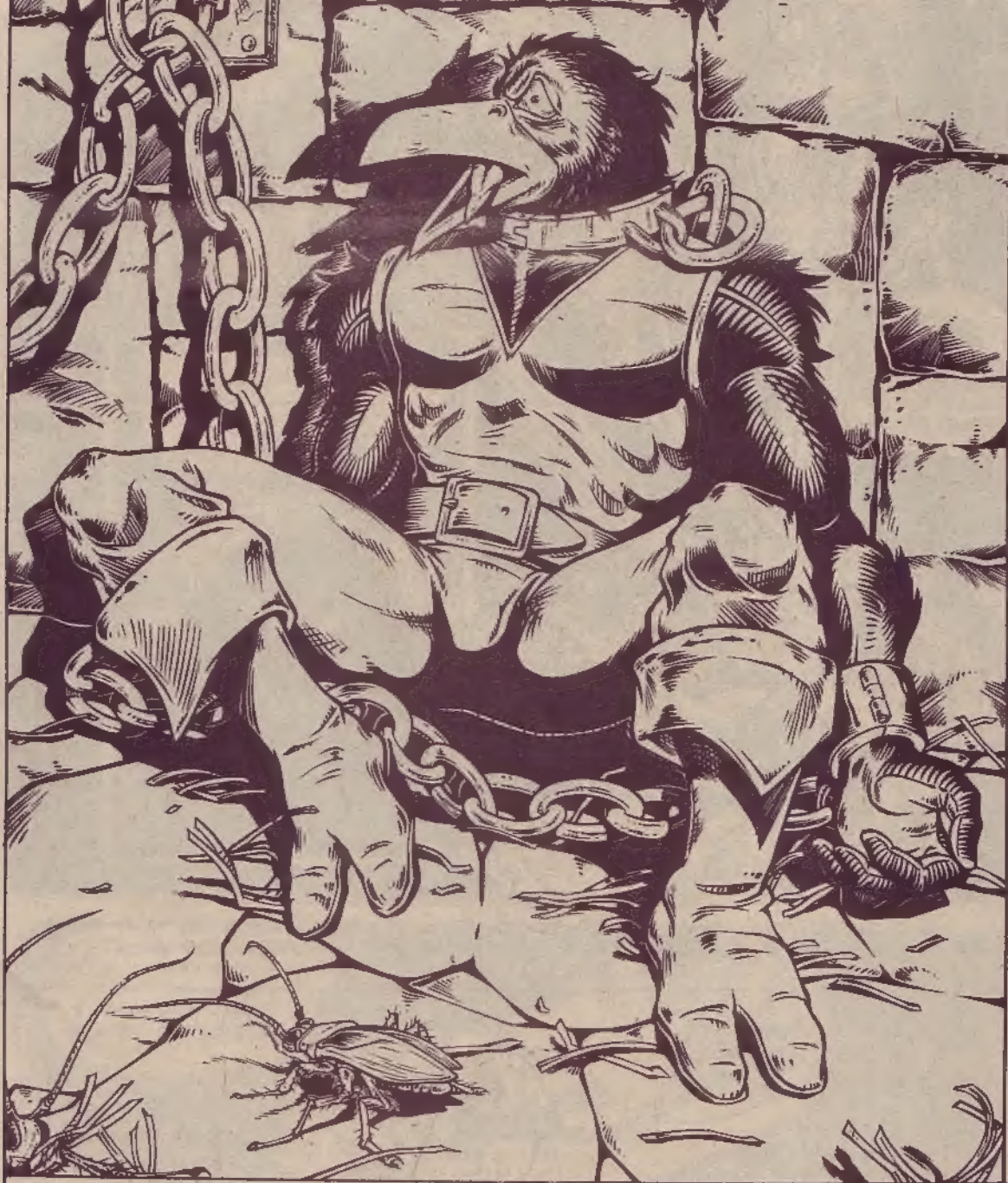
Michael Dimpsey
Editor

THE STORY SO FAR...

The city of New Eden has become embroiled in a power struggle between faith and politics. Eb'nn, hired by the Mayor to assassinate Feelwell, the leader of the cult, adds grease to the fire by destroying the only known supply of "sacrament," a powerfully addictive drug used by both followers of the cult and the citizens in New Eden. Whoever controls the drug, controls New Eden!

The city in turmoil, Eb'nn began last issue with a quiet drink at the local tavern. Accompanied by Jack and Tiger, the orphan Jack has promised to help, the raven accuses the cub of being a party to the theft of his missing gun. Eb'nn loses interest in thrashing poor Tiger when Judas makes a sudden appearance. The rat, irritable and edgy, criticizes Eb'nn on his job performance. Judas goes berserk and leaves the tavern after Jack accidentally ingests the last of the "sacrament." Following the rat, Eb'nn ends up rescuing Judas from a gang of drug-crazed street-animals. But the raven's victory is short lived as he encounters the deadly blades of the mysterious Pedro, enforcer of Feelwell's word. Pedro is defeated, though his fate is unclear, in a vicious battle with the raven. Meanwhile, back at Fat Ed's, Jack falls under the hallucinatory power of the drug. Later, Eb'nn appears at a rally of the Followers, in which Brother Feelwell makes an appearance. But the tables are turned on Eb'nn, who is discovered and captured.

A STATE OF MIND



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THE CLOTH UPON WHICH LIFE IS WOVEN
IS A WONDERFUL TAPESTRY, FULL
OF THE BRIGHT COLORS OF LIFE...

... BORDERED BY THE
TANGLED FLAWS OF
DESPAIR...

HIYA, KID!
TOLD YA
I'D GETCHA.

PATIENCE,
EB'NN. LIFE
IS NOT TO BE
RUSHED.

YOU'RE
GOING
NOWHERE,
BUSTER, 'TIL
YOU PICK-UP
YOUR ROOM!

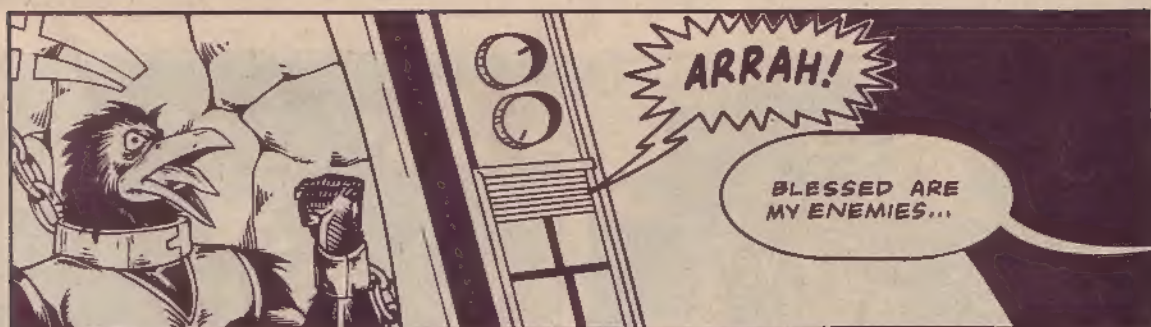
DEATH
IS YOUR ONLY
REPRIVE,
TRAITOR!!

LEAVE...
... ME...

STRONGER THAN ANY LINK ON ANY CHAIN, AS UNBENDABLE AS ANY STEEL
BAR, AS INESCAPABLE AS ANY CELL, IS THE PRISON THE PAST HAS BUILT.

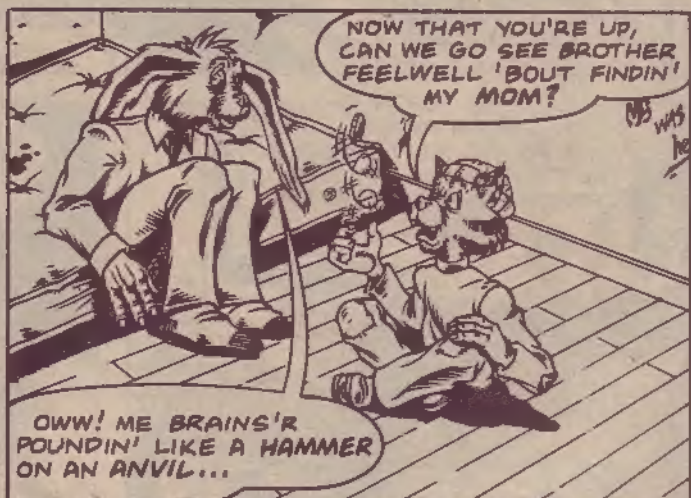
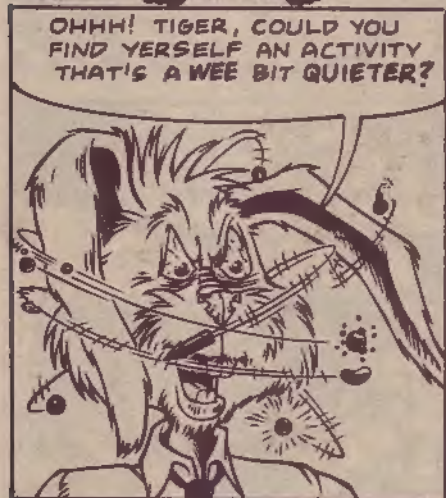
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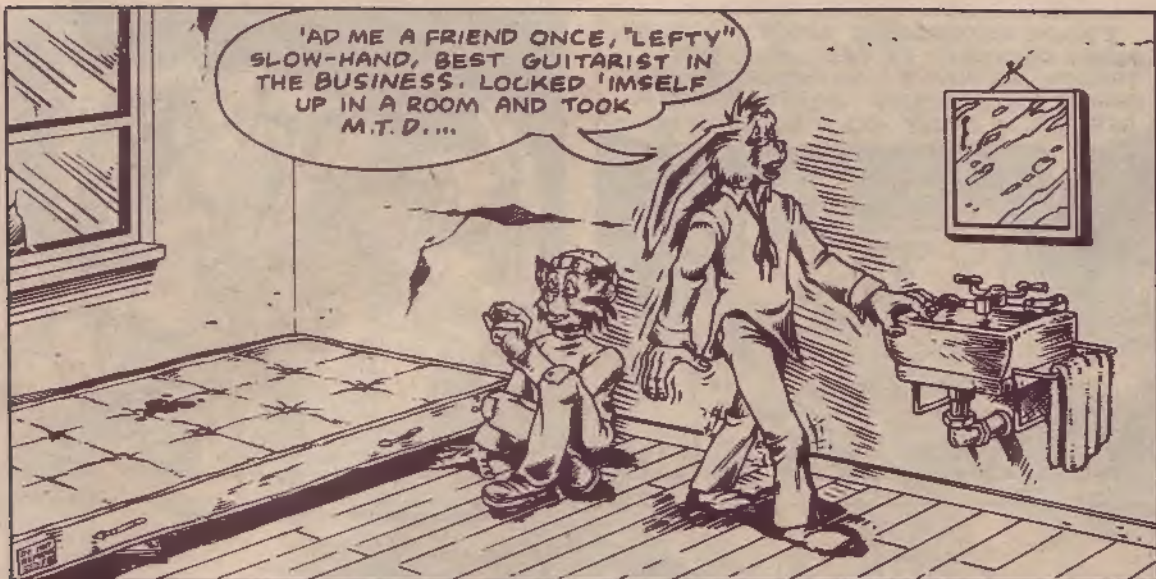








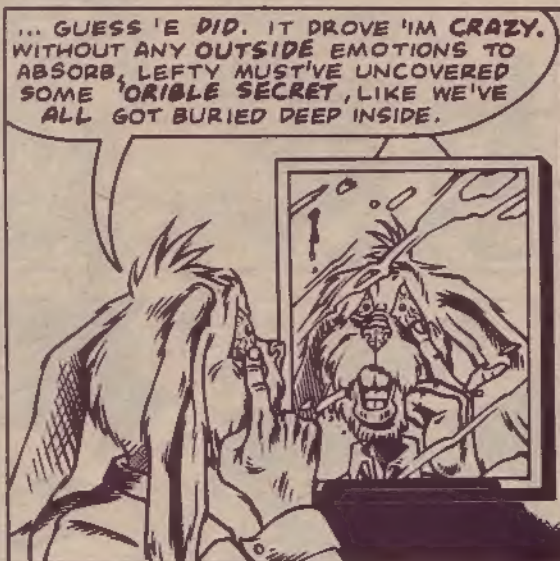




'AD ME A FRIEND ONCE, "LEFTY"
SLOW-HAND, BEST GUITARIST IN
THE BUSINESS. LOCKED 'IMSELF
UP IN A ROOM AND TOOK
M.T.D....



... SAID 'E WAS GOIN' TO "PEEL BACK"
HIS FUR AND DISCOVER WHY 'E
PLAYED GUITAR
BETTER THAN ANY-
ONE ELSE...



... GUESS 'E DID. IT PROVE 'IM CRAZY.
WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE EMOTIONS TO
ABSORB, LEFTY MUST'VE UNCOVERED
SOME 'ORIBLE SECRET, LIKE WE'VE
ALL GOT BURIED DEEP INSIDE.



JACK, ARE WE
GONNA SEE BROTHER
FEELWELL?

YEAH, SON, I GUESS
I OWE YA THAT. YOU'VE
BEEN A GREAT SPORT,
TAKING CARE OF ME
AN' ALL.

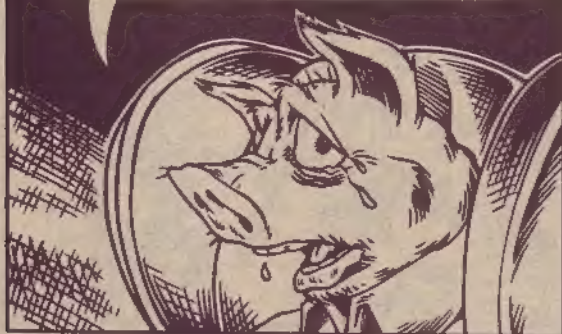


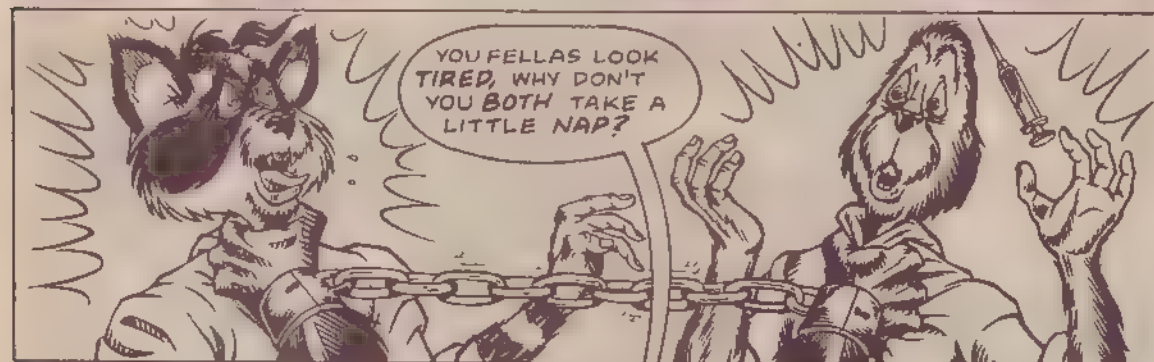
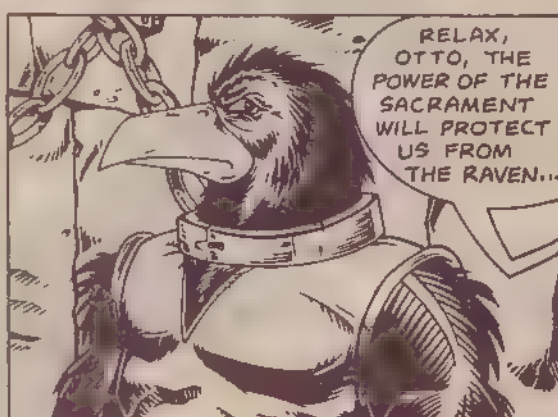
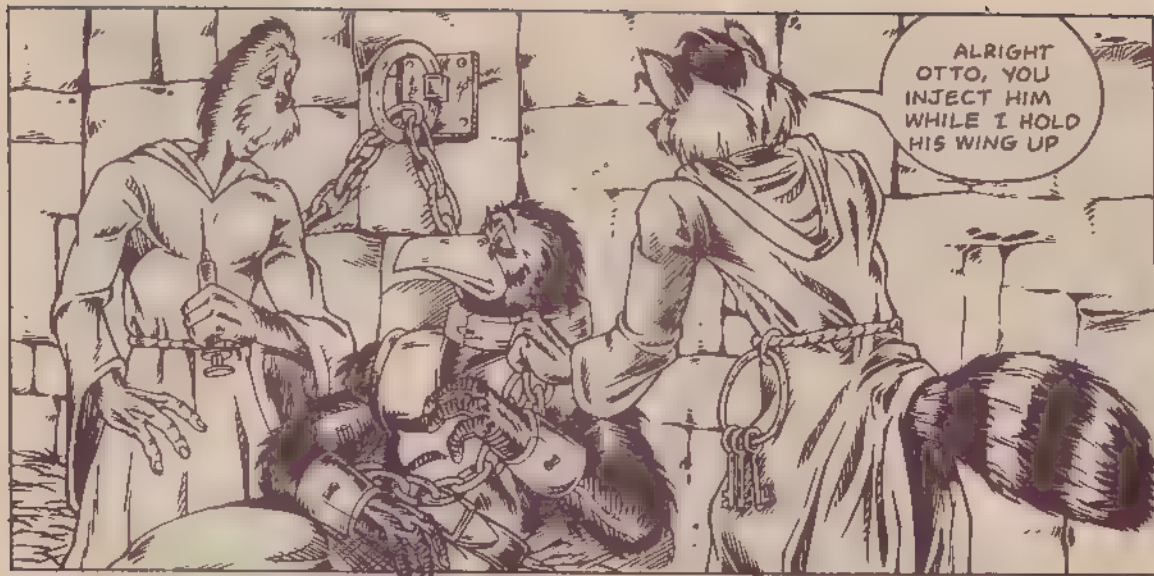
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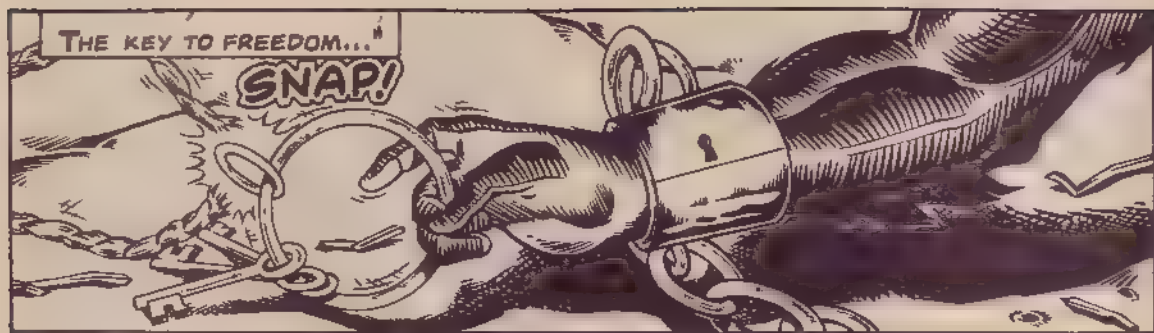
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WHAT'S WRONG?

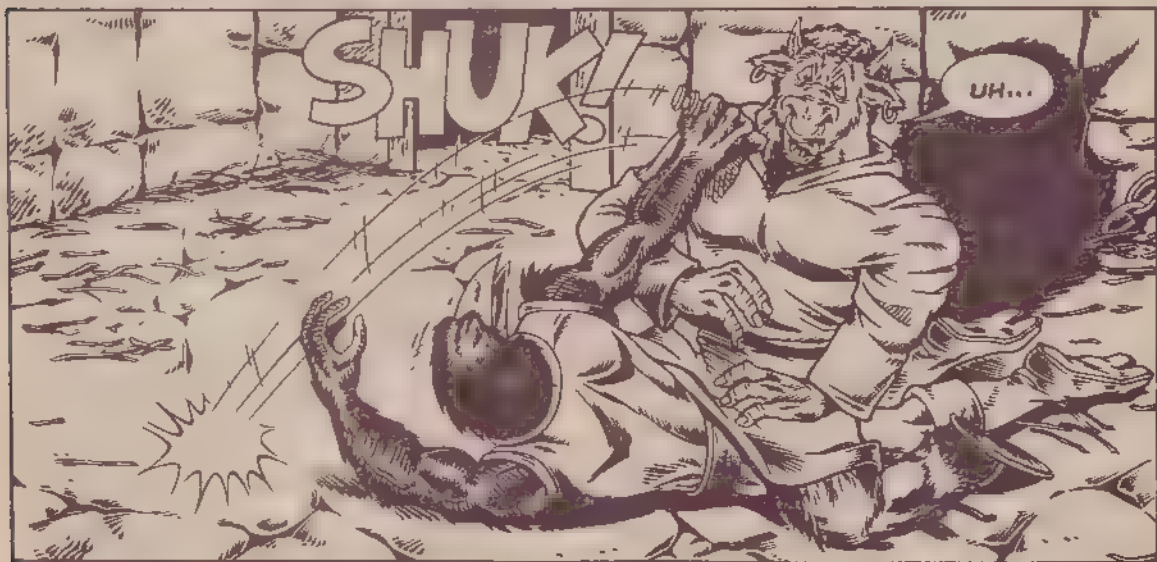
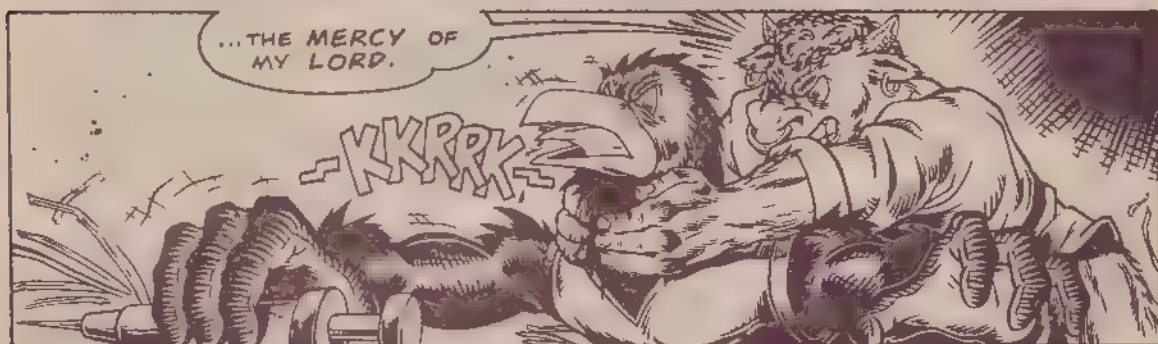
SLAP!

I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT THE RAVEN BEING CAPTURED BY FEELWELL, BUT THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN PROVE WE WERE BEHIND HIS INTENDED ASSASSINATION. BESIDES, I TOLD YOU IT WOULDN'T WORK!

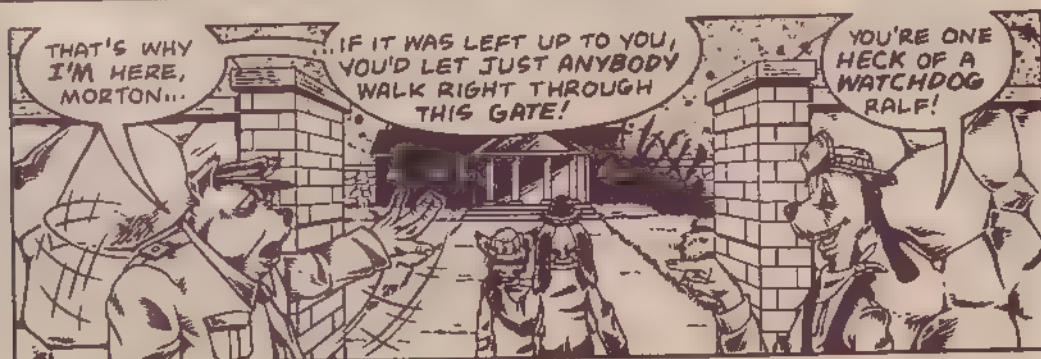
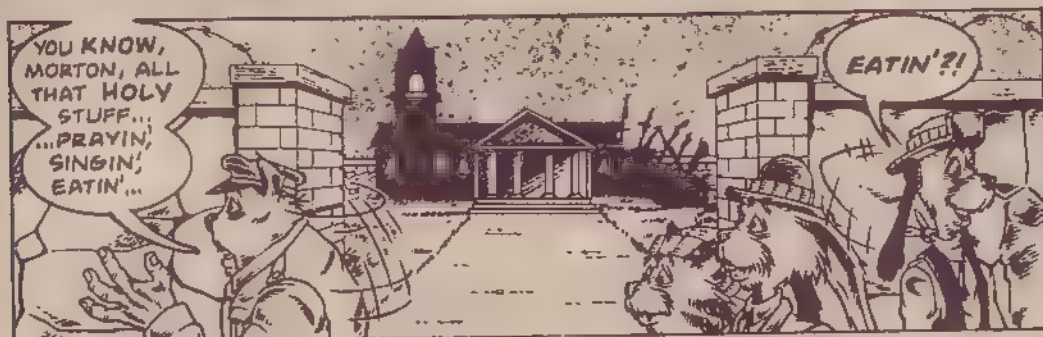
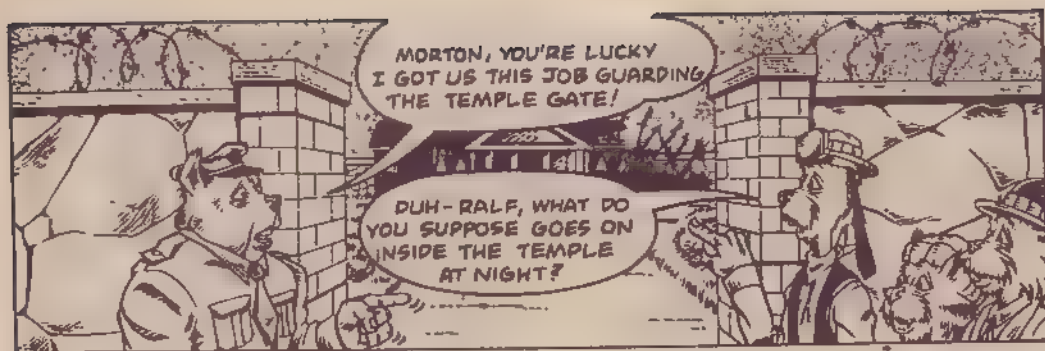


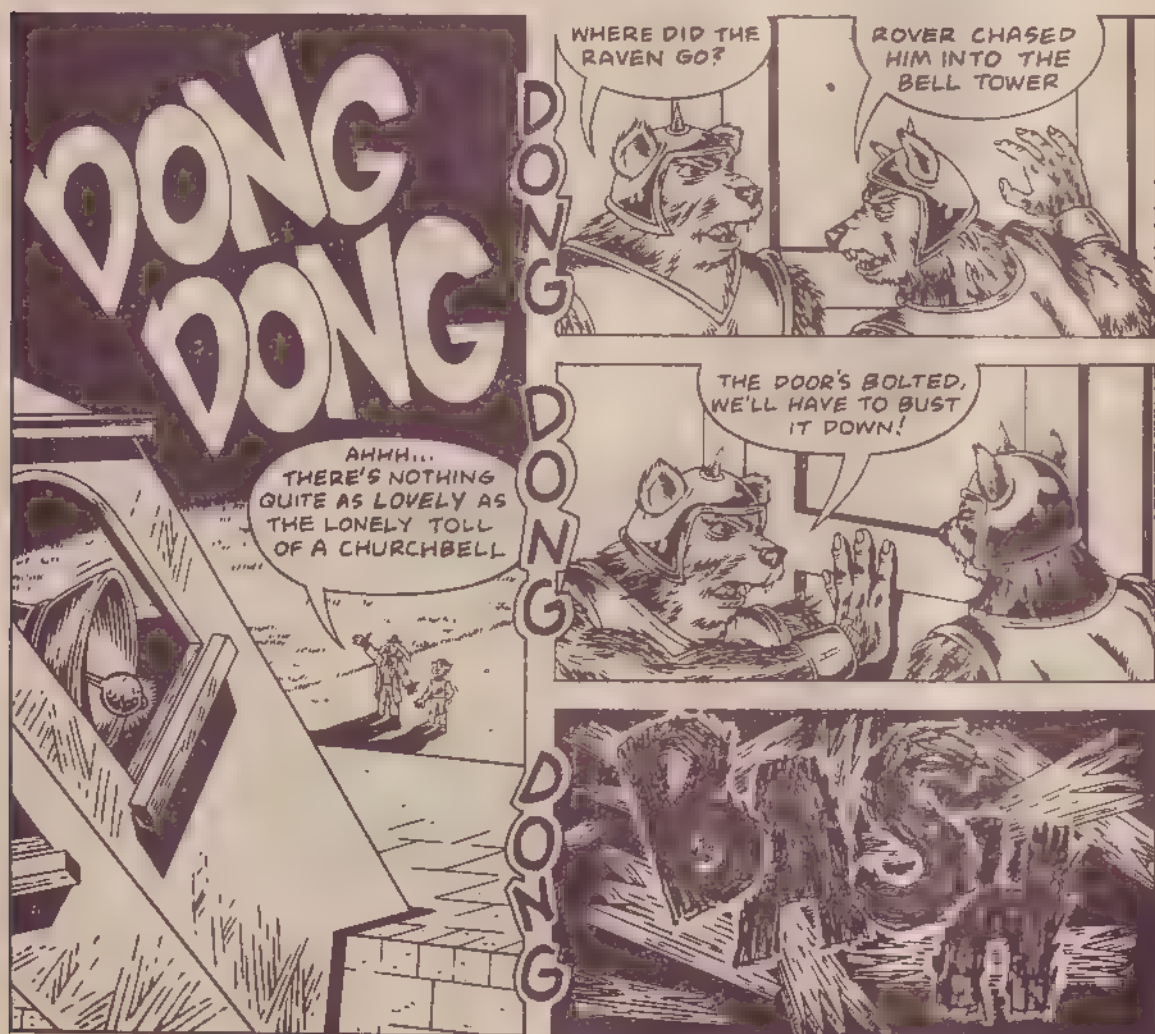


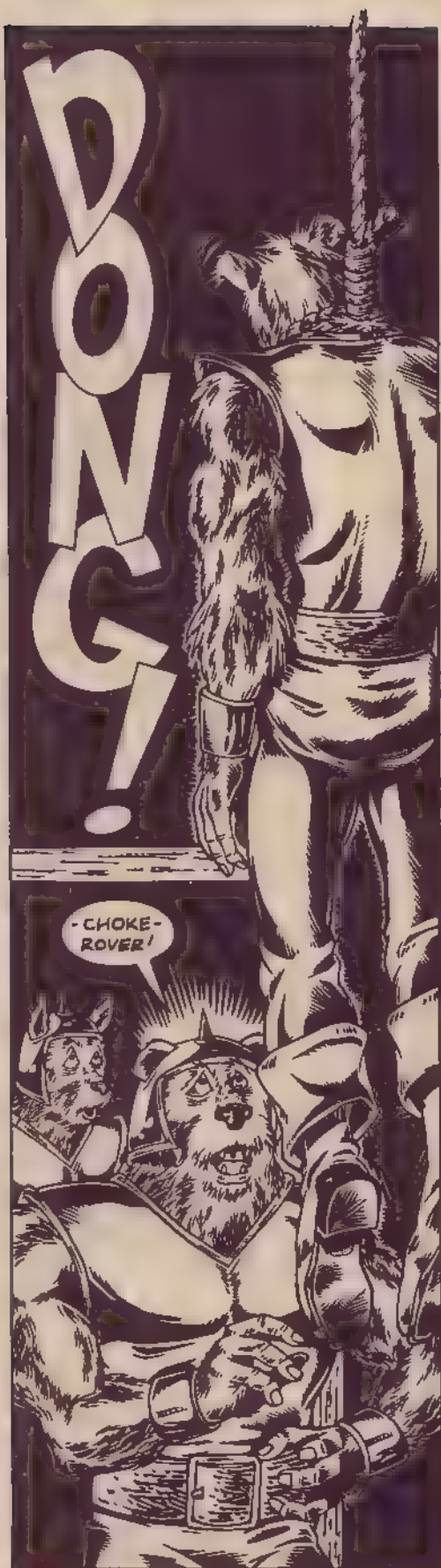


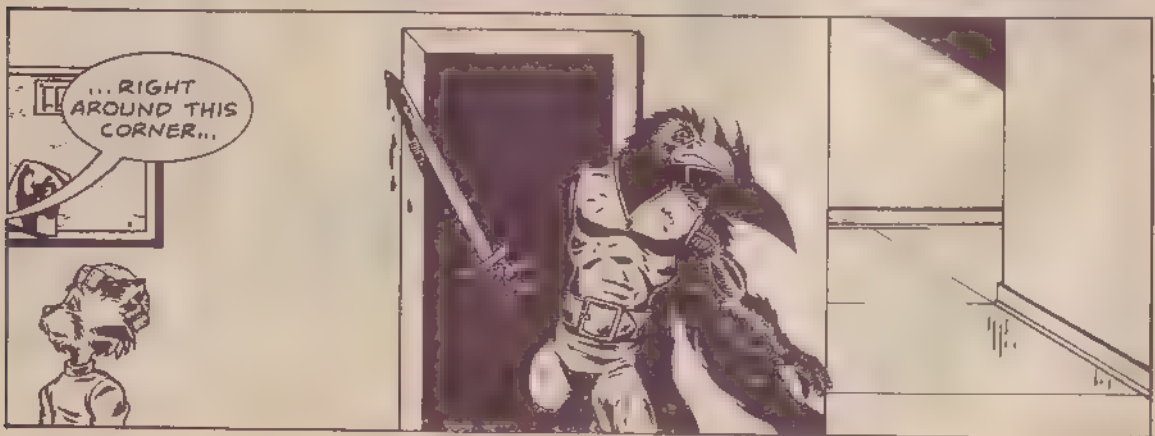
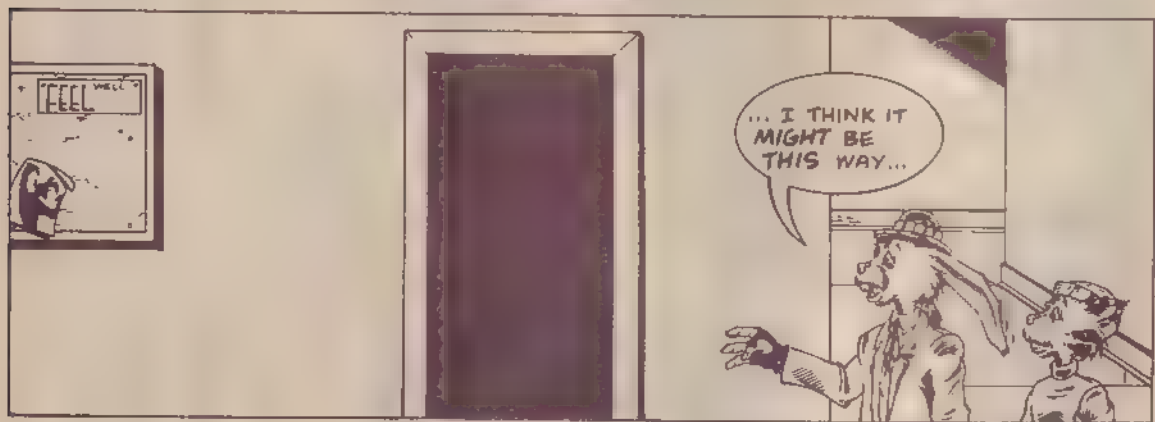
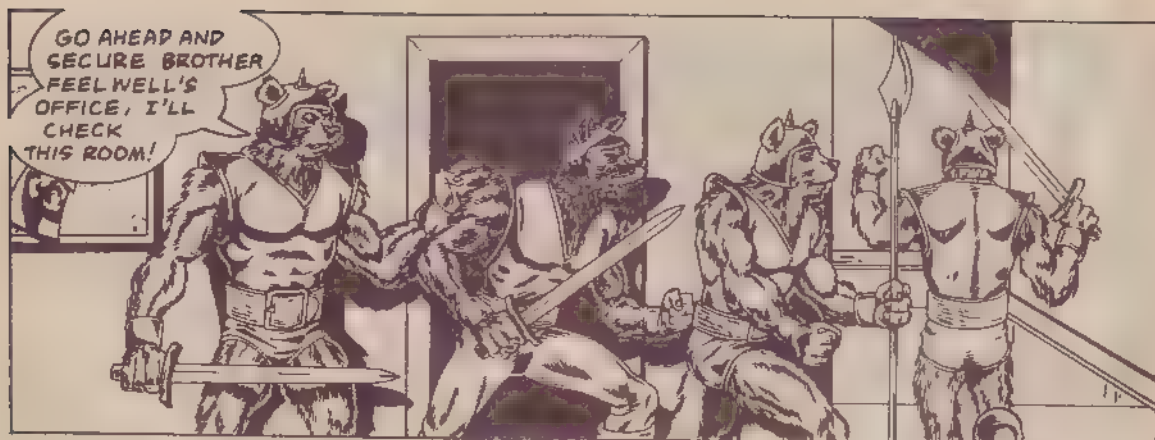


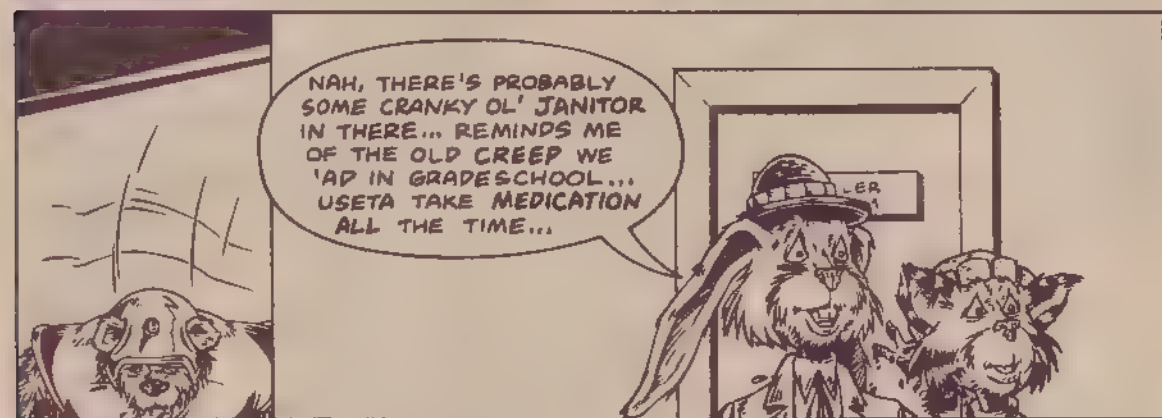


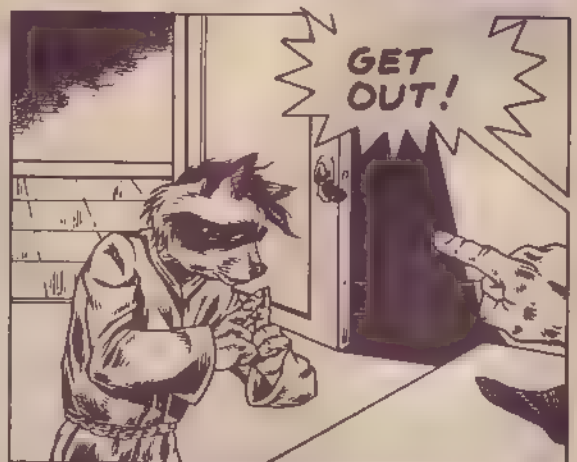


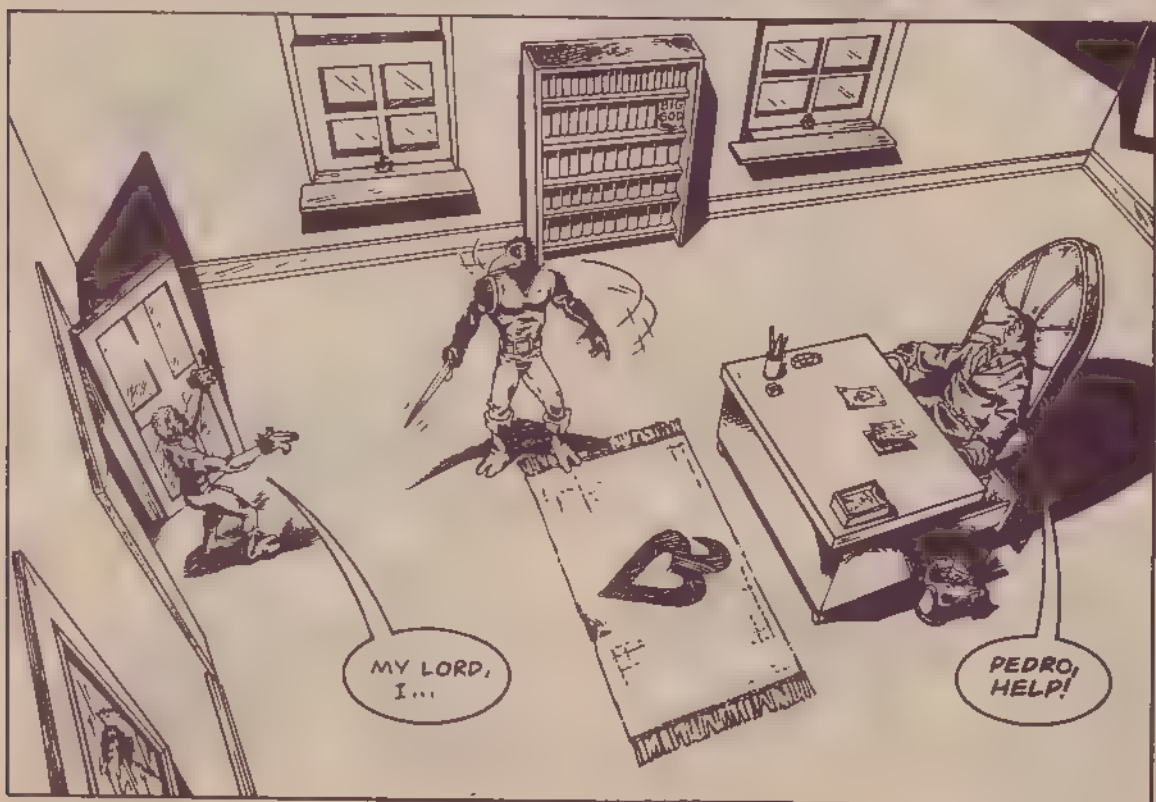
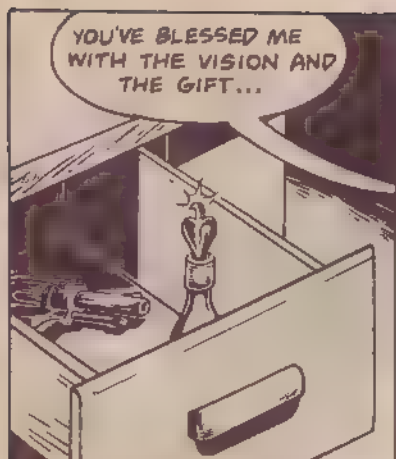


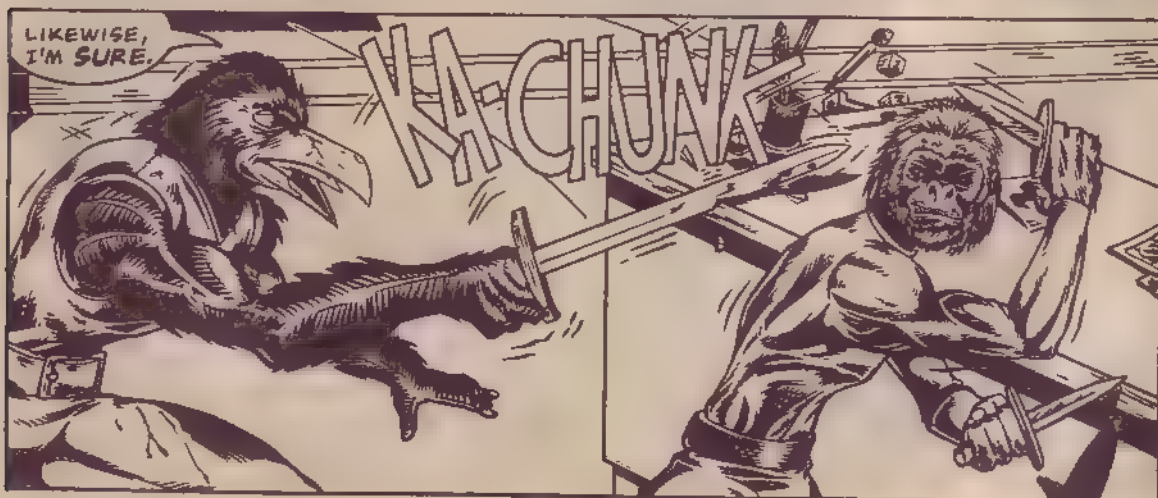


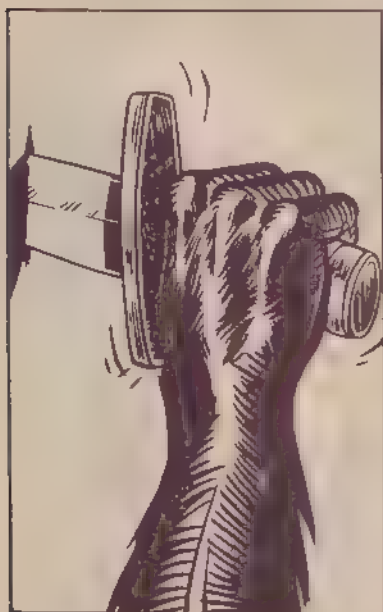
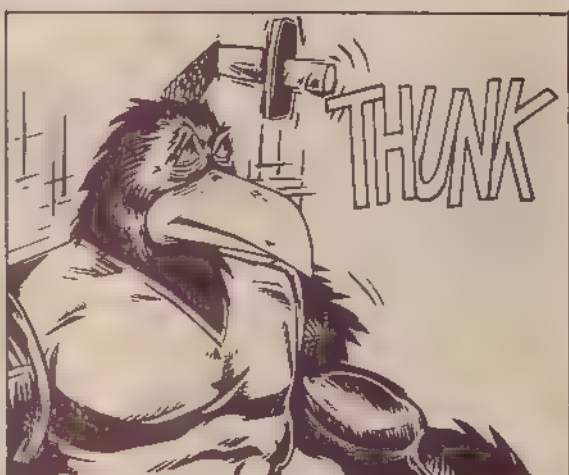
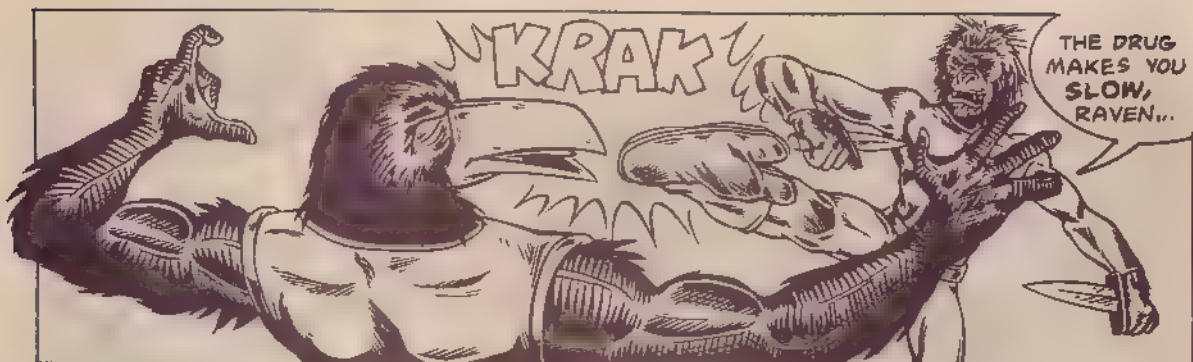


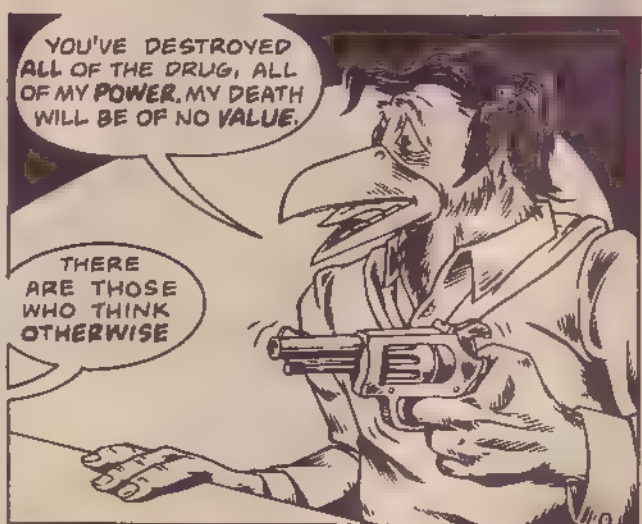


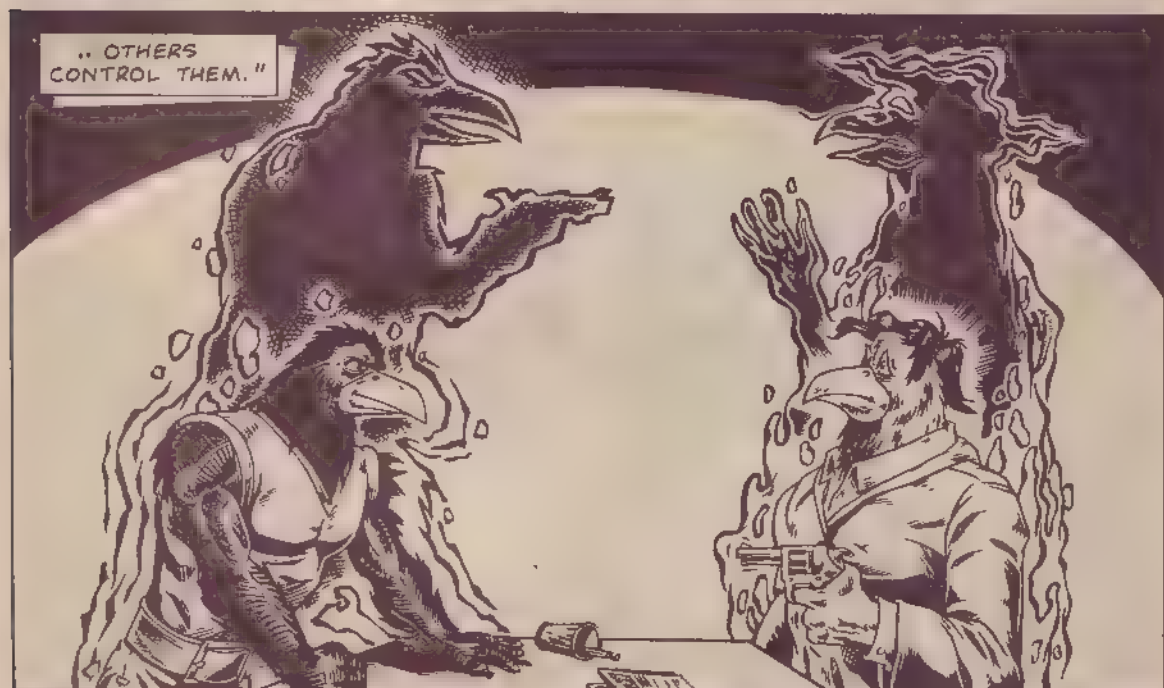
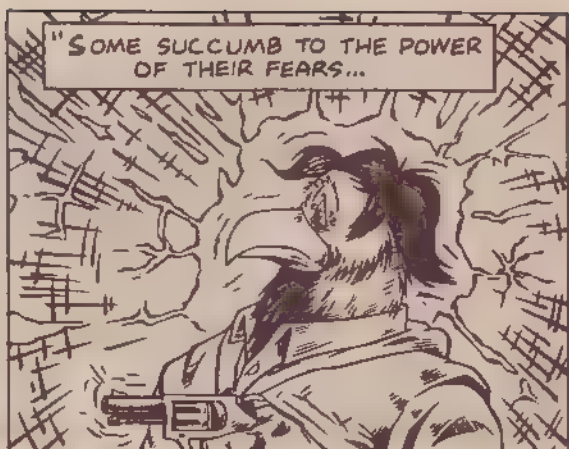


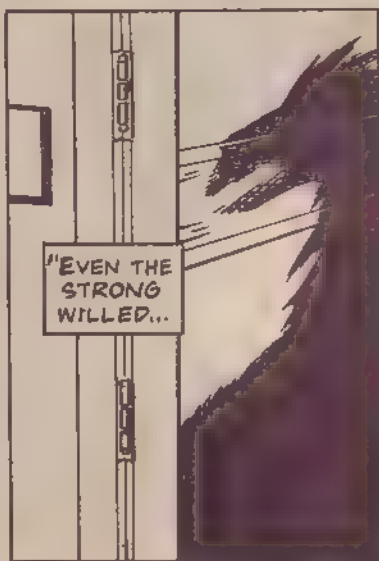
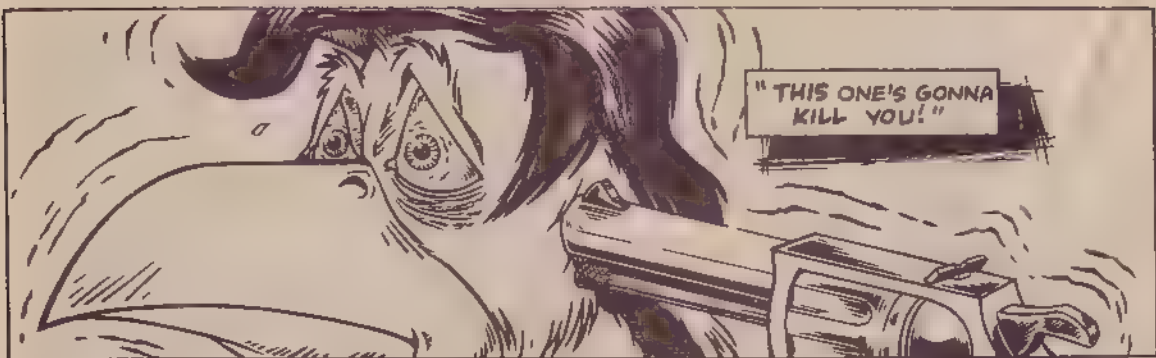


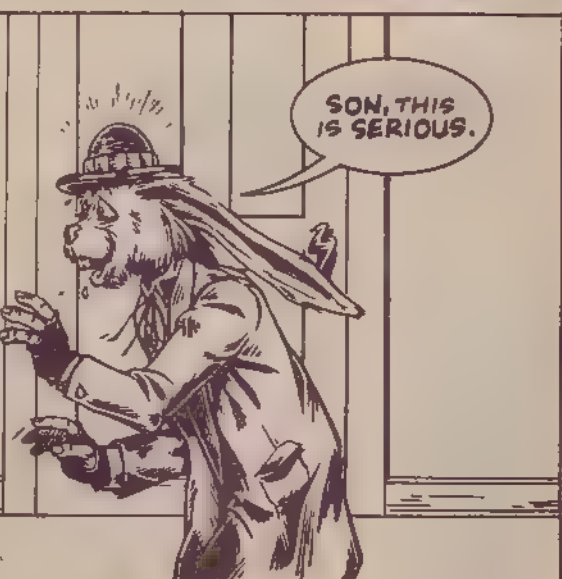
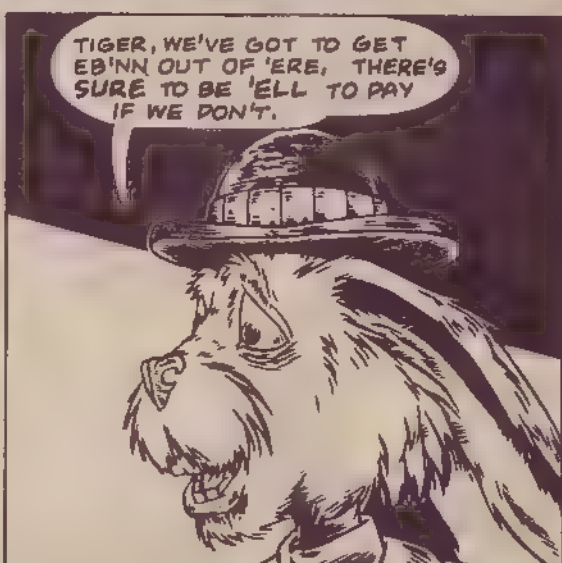
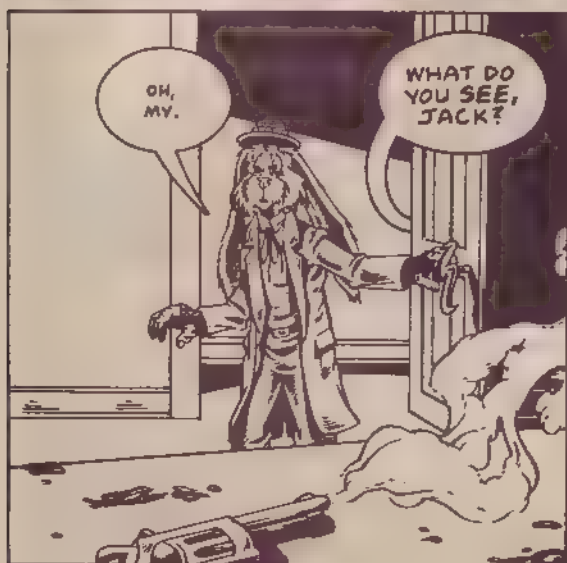


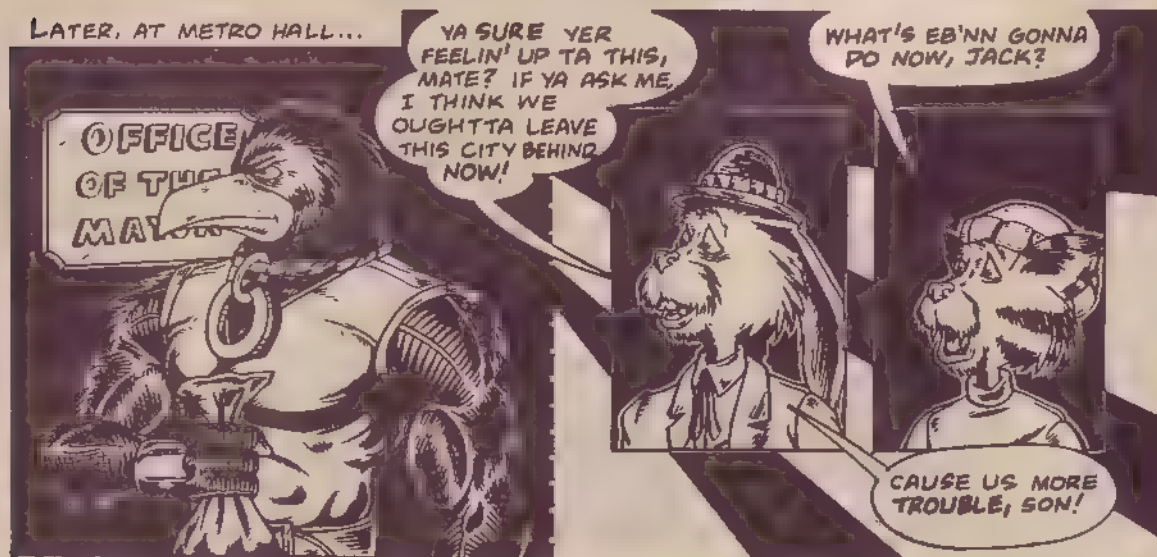
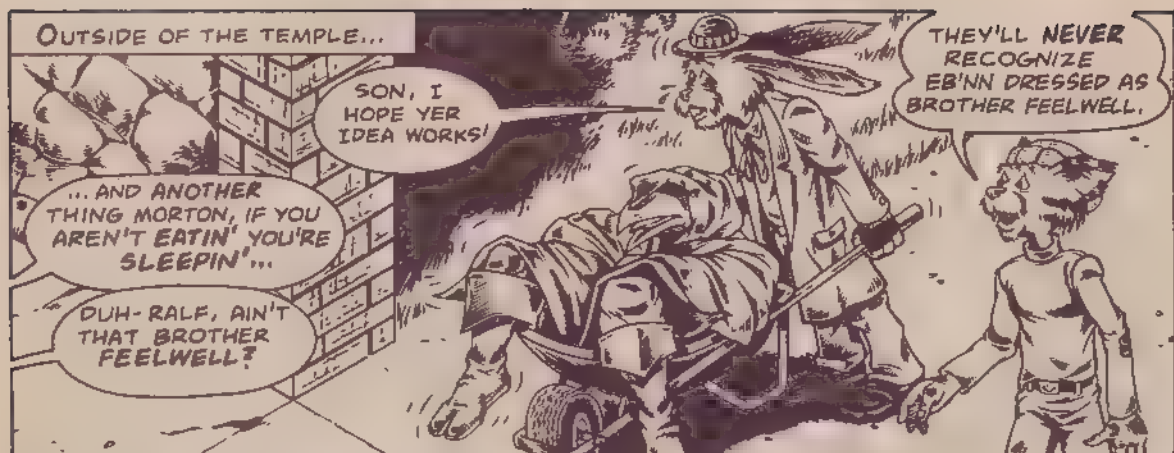












"YOU SHIVER UNCONTROLLABLY. TAKING A DEEP BREATH, YOU CALM YOURSELF, AND SWALLOW THE PAIN IN THE BLACKNESS YOU LOSE THE BEAST..."

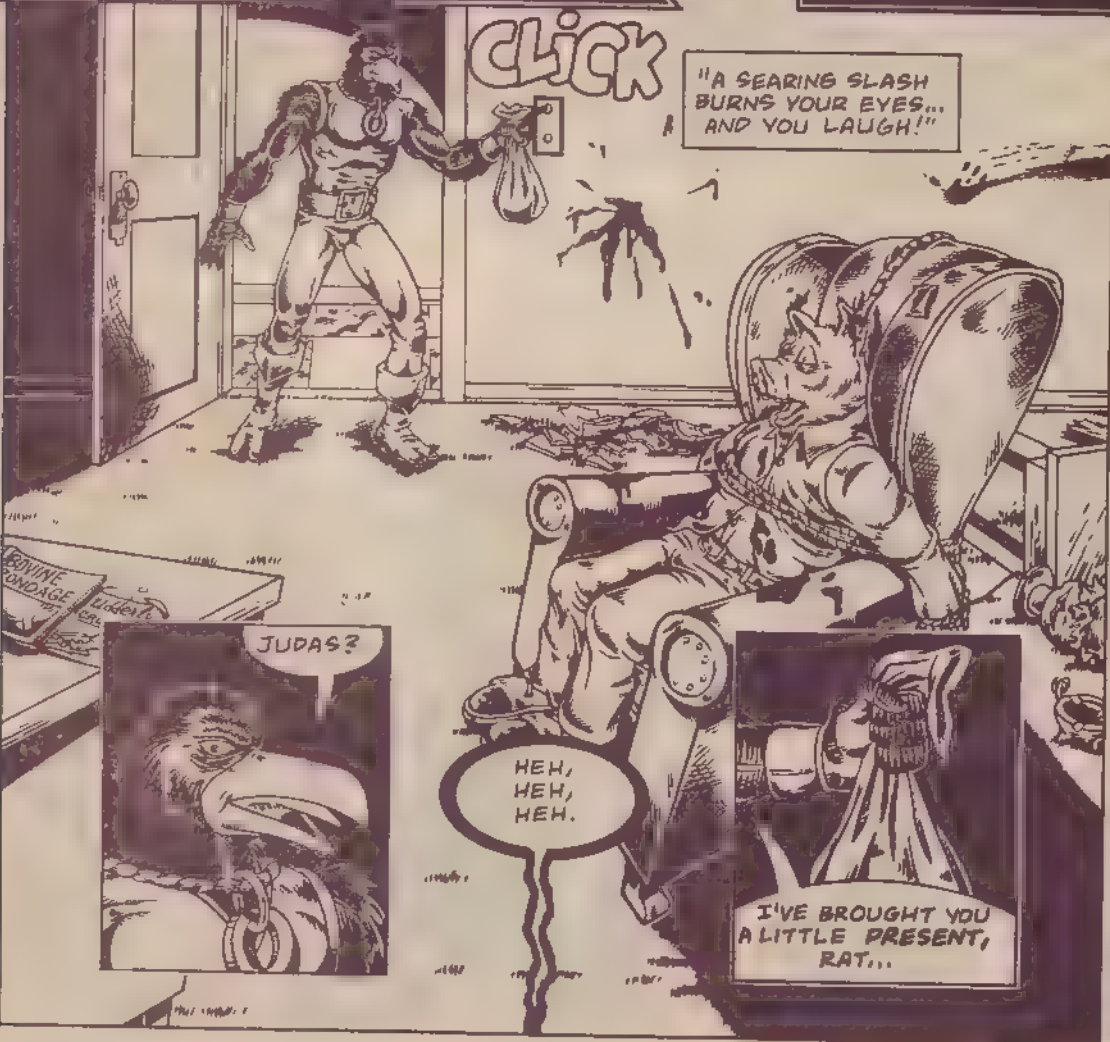
"WITH RAZOR-CLAWS, THE BEAST RIPS OPEN THE DARKNESS. YOU BITE A FIST TO STIFLE A SCREAM. YOUR BLOOD TASTES HOT AND STICKY."

"THE BEAST HAS FOUND YOU!"



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"A SEARING SLASH BURNS YOUR EYES... AND YOU LAUGH!"

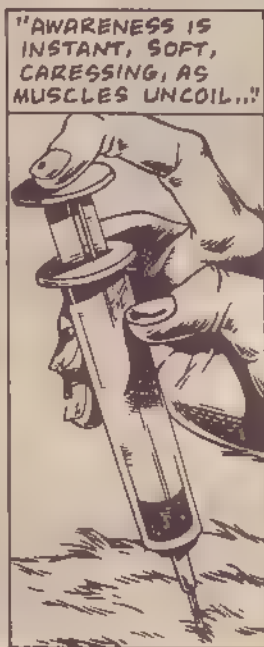


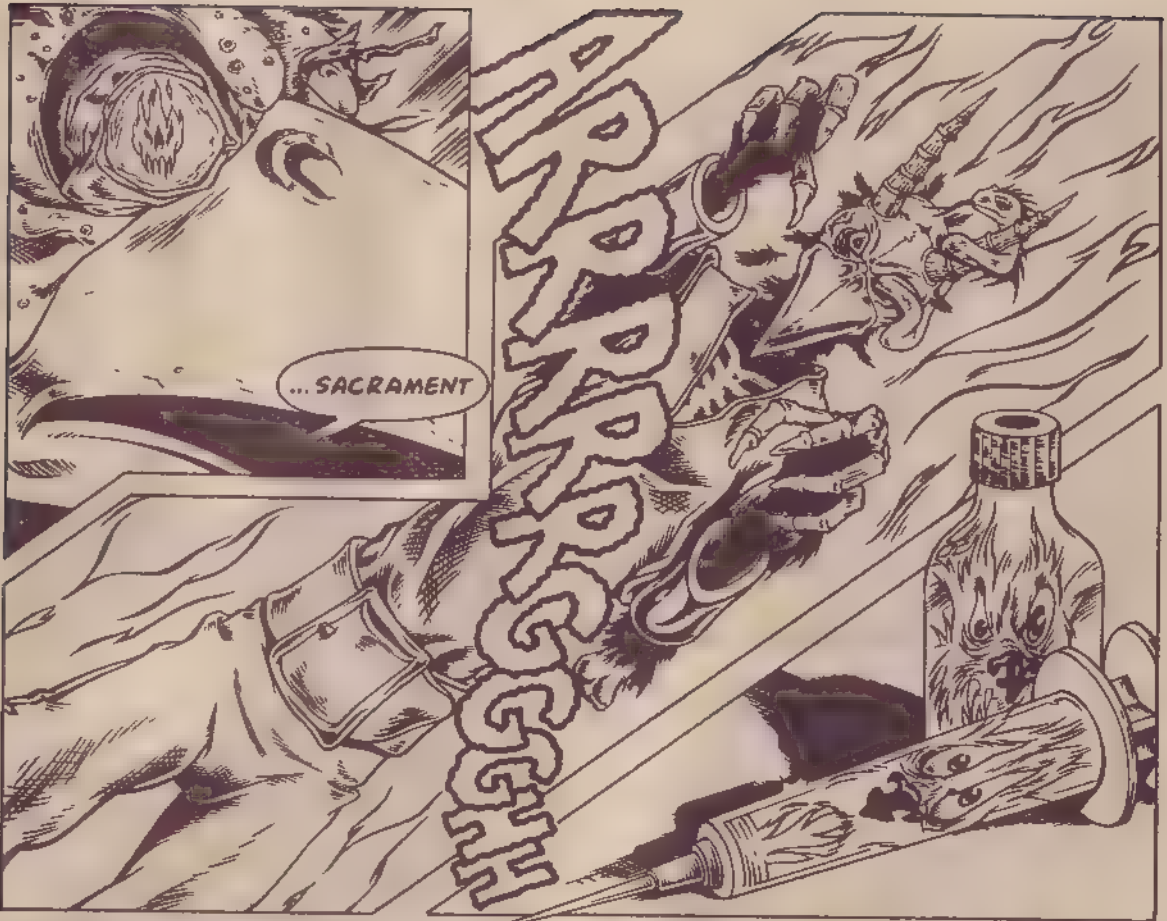
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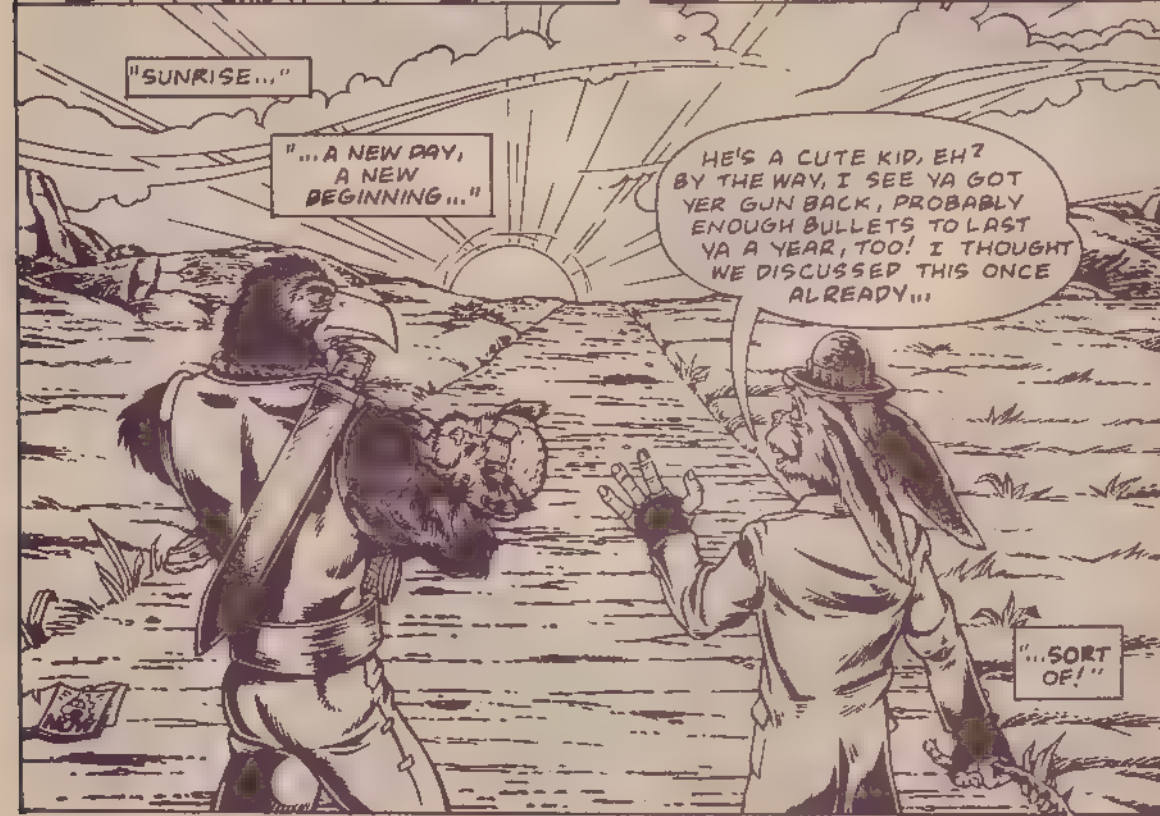
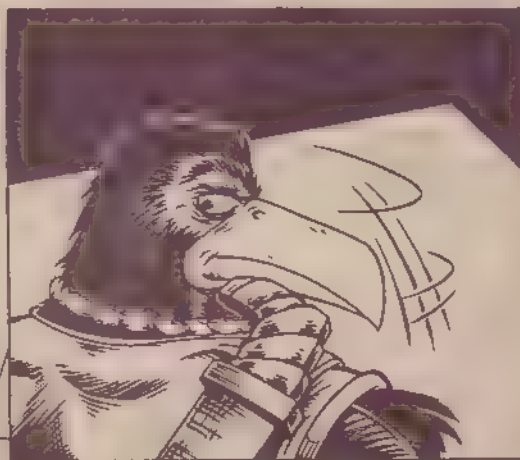
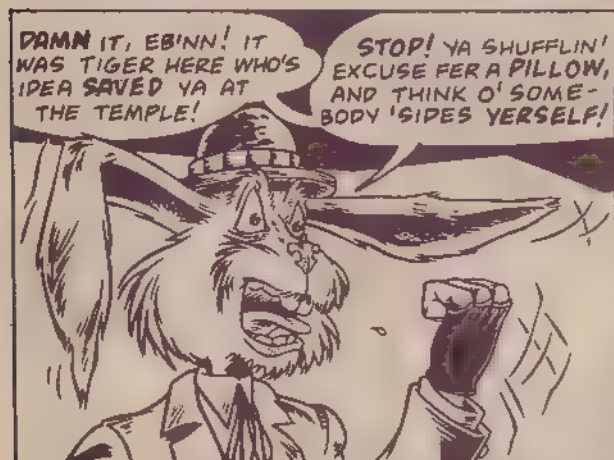
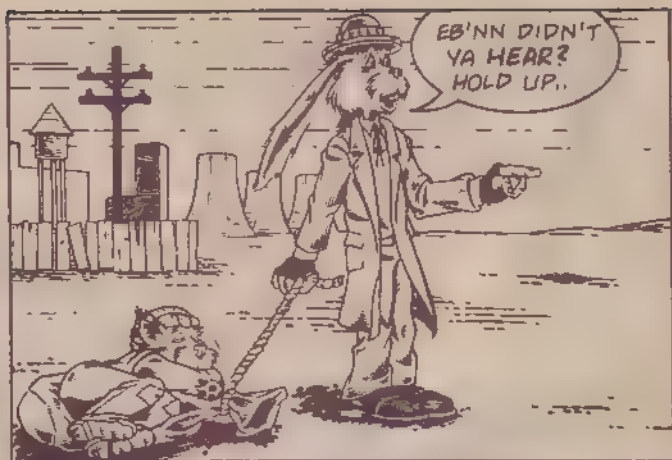


HEH, HEH, HEH.











RAVEN RAVINGS

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Whew! The first adventure of Eb'nn is finally under our belts. Hopefully, the 100 pages that make up "Three Nights" have been as an enjoyable experience to read as it has been for us to produce. I'm pleased and amazed to see how much Chris, Mike and I have improved with each issue (and #4 is no exception).

Starting with EB'NN #4, we'll be doing things a little bit different. The Eb'nn story is being reduced from thirty pages to twenty with an eight page back-up. We'll also be changing the frequency of EB'NN from quarterly to bi-monthly. That way you'll be seeing a new EB'NN at your comic book stands more often. We're also going to stay away from the multi-part epics for awhile. Both Chris and I need a rest from trying to make a story last and be cohesive over a long period of time. Future stories in EB'NN will include haunted houses, the wild west, secret agents and the raven's earlier experiences in the military. We'll also be focusing more attention on the main characters; their future plans and past lives. You'll discover how and where Eb'nn and Jack first encountered each other! More about Jack and his rock 'n' roll days! We'll also be introducing a new character, who just happens to be the raven's most vicious enemy! All that and much more in future issues of EB'NN!

Next issue's adventure is entitled, "Bringing Up Baby"! Eb'nn, Jack and Tiger become guests of a mad scientist and the target of his insane experiment. Also the premiere of a new back up series, COMBAT WOMBAT and his HOWLIN' CRITTERS!

After reading EB'NN #2, what are we to make of Brother Feelwell's "religious cult"? From what I have read so far, none of the officials in his cult have even the faintest conception of religious values. They are in it for the power or the drugs, pure and simple. Also, the followers seem to be mostly hooked on the drug, rather than drawing any moral sustenance from the cult. And while Brother Feelwell himself is a powerful orator and uses some of the techniques of a preacher, the style is more that of a stand-up comic and the content is concerned with power, hate, and fear.

Thus, Feelwell's cult would seem to be a "political" organization using religion merely as a ruse, rather than a failed religious organization. By a failed religious organization I mean

one that started out as a religious group but has been corrupted, or one that is in part a religious group—however misguided or incorrect that religious content might be. In my experience, "front" organizations like Feelwell's are virtually nonexistent. Nonreligious or pseudo-religious cults fall into the second category almost exclusively. The leadership may be crazy or misguided, but it still thinks it is pursuing a valid religious course. Or, if it doesn't believe that, it did once, or at least has some bonafide link to religious aspirations. Religion is a vast and complex area. Failed cults (for good or bad reasons) are innumerable.

We have not yet seen much of New Eden, so we don't know if the cult is the only or main "religion" there. If so, you paint a pretty dim picture. Are there no genuine believers in New Eden?

Once you got past the idea of Sam-Spade-as-a-brontasaurus, the SILVER WING back-up was a nice little piece. It was moody in the traditional private eye vein. A nice start to what could be an interestingly idiosyncratic series. (And hey, who doesn't hate toads?)

Yours truly,
T.M. MAPLE
Weston, Ontario, Canada

T.M., as always, you bring up a good and interesting point with your letter. I'd like to comment upon your observations (and hopefully not sound like I'm defending my writing and/or disputing your opinions, which are valid and will remain correct.)

Even though the Mayor described Feelwell's cult to Eb'nn as "religious", I never intended the cult to be based in a traditional "faith" and "belief" system. The citizens of New Eden, living in a world of filth and poverty, were desperate for hope, comfort and leadership. Obviously, the Mayor and Judas were not providing the citizens with their needs. So along comes Feelwell and "sacrament!" To make a long point short, Feelwell, not the drug-addicted Followers, is the true "patsy." Feelwell, who is searching for acceptance and love, is a crutch for the citizens, who want someone to solve their problems. The drug was a temporary solution to a much more complex problem and was destined to fail even without the assistance of the raven. You asked if there were any "true believers" in New Eden and I guess Feelwell, however deluded or misguided, is the best example I can offer.

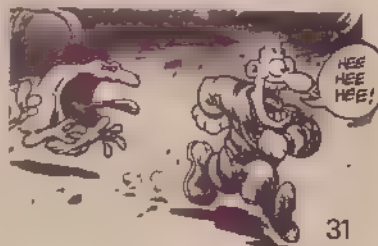
The only question which remains is did the Mayor hire Eb'nn because he feared losing power or because Judas wanted the drug? And I'm afraid that question will remain forever unanswered.

"You paint a pretty dim picture", quoted from your letter, is a statement that really sums up EB'NN #1-3. There is nothing good about New Eden. The city represents the world of Eb'nn at its worst. It used to be one of the finest cities on the planet, but pollution, overpopulation, both energy and food shortages, and disease has taken its toll. These are problems that even now are creeping slowly upon us in the "real" world. Eb'nn, Jack and Tiger will continue to explore their world, discovering how other regions and societies are coping with the situation. Eb'nn, whose single thought and goal so far has been his own survival, currently sees the planet in its death throes, wanting whatever he can scavenge before his time runs out. Jack gazes upon the destruction with disgust, knowing that the disaster could have been diverted and feeling that salvation is impossible. Tiger, growing up in New Eden and remaining incredibly innocent, experiences a new and exciting world with joy and hope. Their outlooks will be clarified, developed and, naturally, change in future issues.

I am writing to say that my son loved EB'NN! I must admit that it has been some time since I have read a comic. I read EB'NN and I loved the character of Eb'nn. If this is an example of comics today I want more!

Yours,
JOHN ORDAZZO AND SON
Woodland, CA

Welcome back to the wonderful world of comics, John. You want more!? Starting next issue, EB'NN goes bi-monthly! In between months don't forget to check out the other comic books available where you bought EB'NN. There's an entire store full of good, quality comics. A few of my favorite books are CEREBUS, NEXUS and RALPH SNART ADVENTURES!



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I was happy to see one of my favorite comics, EB'NN #2 on the stands this week! I especially enjoyed the back-up story, SILVERWING, and the work of Mark A. Nelson. The story is written very well and the art is proof that black and white can be better than color. Mark's art is the best I have seen from anyone in a long, long time. I think you should give him his own comic! I can't say enough about SILVERWING, except I wish it was longer.

I haven't forgotten about EB'NN either. I see an improvement in the writing and the art. The use of more blacks and shading is great. I can't get over Chris' faces on the characters, really expressive and funny! I have one suggestion, Chris how about a different view of Eb'nn's mug (face?) First you show one side and then the other, with many faces on one page that look exactly alike. I think you should give us a wider variety of angles, other than just side views of Eb'nn! The inking has a nice feel to it that reminds me of one of my inspirations, Rick Griffin. Have you ever seen his stuff, Mike S? I think you'll like it.

I only have praise for your second issue. I liked EB'NN #1 and now it's getting even better! I can't wait for EB'NN #3. I heard, besides being the best EB'NN yet, that some unknown artist drew that issue's pin-up and its suppose to be great!! Ha, Ha, Ho, He, Ha!

Make a wish,
CRAIG A. STORMON
Manhattan Bch., CA

Well, Craig, here's EB'NN #3, along with your pin up (see elsewhere in this issue) of "Rambo"—EB'NN! We really enjoyed your version of everybody's favorite happy-go-lucky raven. We know you're busy working on the first issue of your new comic book, THE LIFE BRIGADE (published by BLUE COMET COMICS). The preview I've seen is promising and your Japanese influences are evident, especially in the second story, NINJA DICK! The care and detail you draw into each panel is obvious, causing me to recommend the LIFE BRIGADE (on sale in June) to the readers of EB'NN.

I'm glad you liked SILVERWING, Craig. What did you think of this issue's installment of our hard-boiled dinosaur? Watch for an announcement concerning a special SILVERWING project, tentatively scheduled for late summer. I'm also happy you've noticed the improvement in EB'NN (What about #3? Even better, uh?). Chris, Mike and I have learned a great deal since we decided to publish our own comic book and we're working hard to surpass each issue's accomplishments. It's my goal that by #10, EB'NN will be one of the finest books on the stand.

Dear Chris,

This letter is quite a bit overdue, but I want to thank you for the xeroxes of EB'NN #1. Of course, I had to buy the book when it finally came out around here (comic pickings are pretty slim in the Sharon, CT area). EB'NN is a great character—sort of a combination of Conan and Clint Eastwood. And old Jack (rabbit, right?) could prove equally interesting if you and your writer can steer him clear of the Howard the Duck/Pip the Troll cliché of the slang-talkin', wise-ass sidekick full of world-weary cynicism. Actually, I think by the end of issue #1 that's actually happening—Jack has shown a considerable range of feelings.

As for the art...well, you know I really like your work, and your pencils are great...and though I would have loved to see your beautiful ink work throughout the whole book, I must say that Mike Schneider did a pretty darn good job rendering your pencils. Oh—before I forget—your lettering is the tops!

I wish you continued success with this book and any others you do, Chris.

And someday we'll find an opportunity to print that neat drawing you sent to us way back (of Splinter and the Turtles!)

Take care!
PETER LAIRD
Mirage Studios
Sharon, CT



Peter, thanks for the letter and great drawing of "EB'NN-TURTLE"! We're all working hard to make EB'NN the best we can and your comments and suggestions really help! We wish you and Kevin continued success with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! By the way, I've got a great (and original) idea for a comic. It's called Fetus X: Rayed Back-Slapping Jay-Cees! What do you think? Peter?

Uh, you still there?!

Here is my quarter for the color cover to the NOW COMICS PREVIEW (in Comics Buyer's Guide #650). I'm

looking forward to all the NOW publications and have already started following EB'NN!

It's really thoughtful of you to put out the preview. Marvel or DC, with all their hype and money, don't care enough to do what you guys did. It was much appreciated.

RALPH SNART ADVENTURES and VECTOR look pretty good, as do all the others. I'll check them all out, but I'm sure I'll enjoy RALPH SNART!

Please don't forget to send my cover for the preview, making this collectors item (and story) complete!

Good Luck Guys,
ALAN MINDY
Round Lake, IL

Thanks for the kind words, Alan. We're glad you liked the preview (and don't worry, your cover is in the mail!).

Has anyone not sent for their free color cover for the NOW COMICS PREVIEW, which was in CBG #650? It's not too late! Just send 25 cents (for postage and handling) to the NOW COMICS address listed above!

Following are a few more samples from the bag-load of responses we received on the NOW Comic Preview! which appeared inside the Comics Buyer's Guide #650!

Loved your NOW Comics Preview in CBG #650, and here's my two-bits for the cover. (Just have to find out how the story ends!)

Also, thought you'd like to know that I've been really impressed with the ad campaign for RALPH SNART ADVENTURES. That, coupled with the stuff I've seen in FANGRAPHIX, prompted me to double our usual "Independent #1" orders for Ralph's first issue. (And if the first issue is half as good as what I'm expecting, the sky's the limit. Good luck!)

Sincerely,
JEFF KAPALKA
Manager, Twilight Book
Emporium, Inc.
Syracuse, NY

Please send me the cover to the NOW Comics Preview, from CBG #650. It was quite interesting and I look forward to the release of the rest of your line. I already enjoy the adventures of EB'NN regularly. Enclosed is 25 cents per the instructions.

Sincerely,
THOMAS A. BENSON
Manager, Rocket City Comics
Rochester, NY

So far I only read EB'NN, but will pick up the other books if they are as nice as the freebie!

Thanks again,
KEN HAHN
Auburn, NY

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SYPHONS
RALPH SNART
EB'NN
VECTOR

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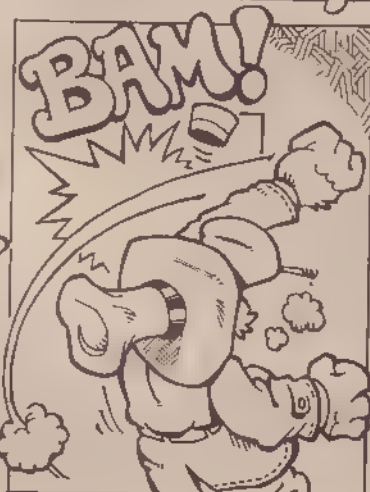
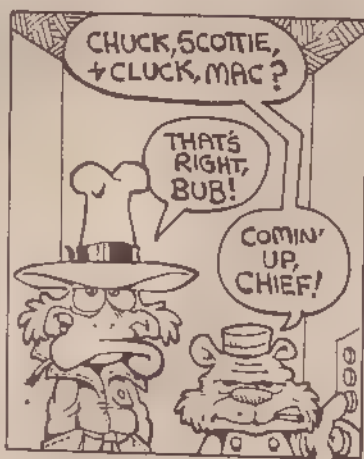
DICK DUCK, DUCK DICK

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by Tim Engel

THE PHONE RANG, I INSTINCTIVELY PICKED IT UP. I SMILED TO MYSELF. I STILL HAD IT. IT WAS THE WIFE OF F. SHAW SCOTTIE, THE WEALTHY PUBLISHER FOUND SHOT TO DEATH THE NIGHT BEFORE. ONE OF HIS TWO PARTNERS, W. CLEMENT CLUCK, HAD FLOWN THE COOP SO FAR THE COPS HAD PLENTY OF NOTHIN'...

SHE THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING. I DECIDED TO GRILL THE THIRD PARTNER, DIXON W. CHUCK.



COMING SOON...

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE PLANET WAS DIVIDED BY A GREAT WAR! A GROUP OF COUNTRIES ~THE ALLIANCE~ Banded together in order to stop the evil dictator, B. O. HISSER, and his oppressive empire from dominating the free world! "THE WAR RAGED ON FOR YEARS, TURNING ENTIRE CONTINENTS INTO BLAZING BATTLEFIELDS! BRAVE & HEROIC ANIMALS FORFEITED THEIR LIVES FOR HOME AND COUNTRY! HISTORY WOULD RELATE THE TALES OF THE GREAT DEEDS PERFORMED BY THE SOLDIERS OF THAT TRAGIC CONFLICT ...GOOD THING HISTORY IGNORED THE OTHER 90% OF THE WAR!!

AARRROOOOAAAA!



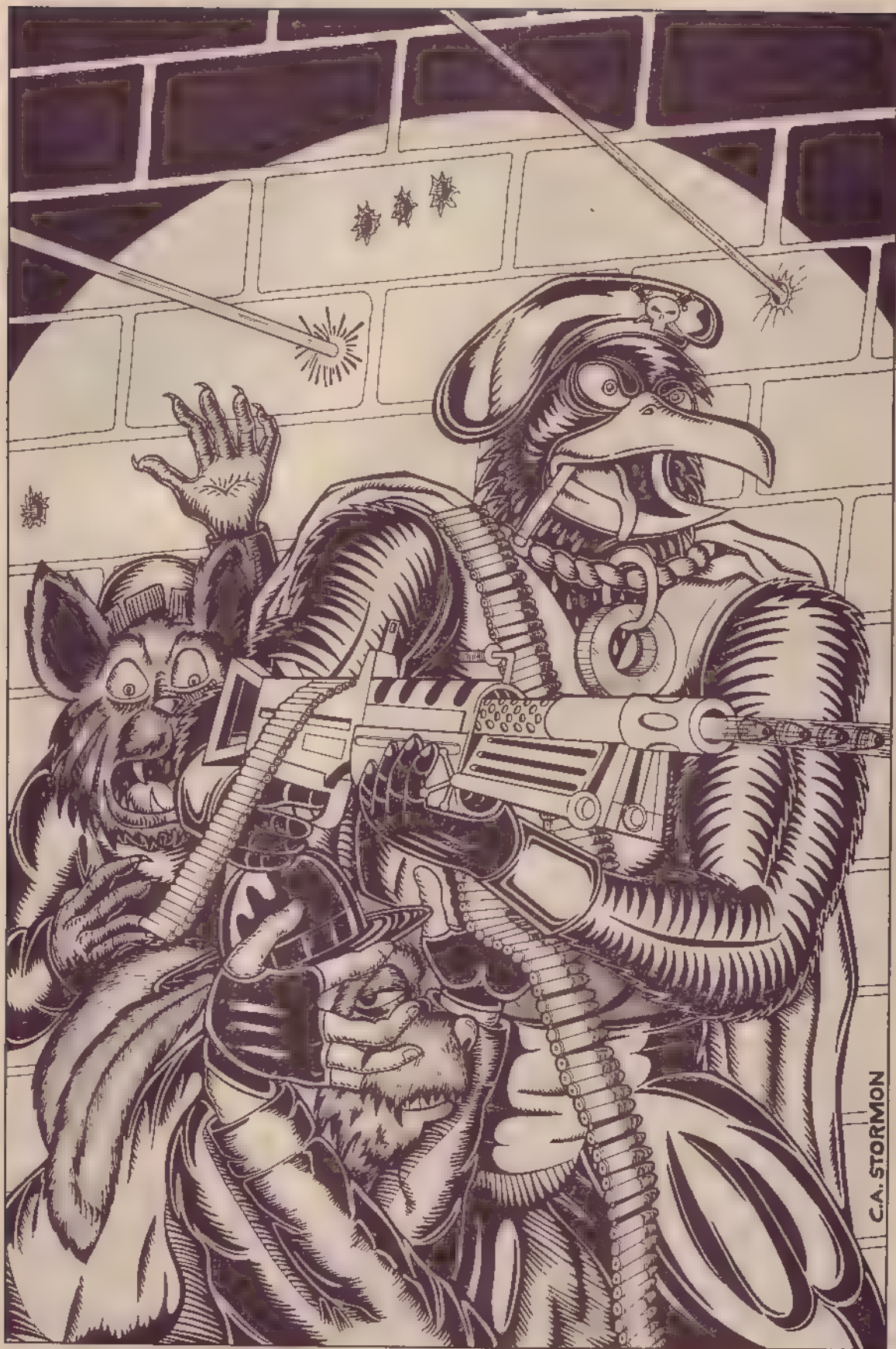
CHRIS
ECKER'S

COMBAT WOMBAT

AND HIS HOWLIN' CRITTERS

COMING AS NEXT ISSUE'S BACK-UP!

PLOT & STORY
MIKE DIMPSEY
ART & LETG: GRASS GREEN



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Enclosed is 25¢ for the cover of the NOW Comics Preview in CBG #650. Send it soon so I can finish the story!

Just a note—I own Amazing Comics out in Sagville, N.Y. and EB'NN did very well in the shop. I thought it was well done. And my advance orders on your other titles for May/June are quite good also. Keep up the good stuff

Best,
R.M. NASTASI
Huntington, NY

Please send me a cover to the mini-comic from CBG. Enclosed is 25¢. How about some more mini-comics in the future. It was great.

BENNY JUNKER
Henderson, KY

Please send me the cover to your *Comics Buyer's Guide* "NOW Preview". I enjoyed the preview! Can't wait for the real thing!

Thank you,
ROD BROWN
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA



Seen the headline news of CBG #650 about your free 16-page NOW Preview. "A Collector has to buy the Cover by Sending a Quarter to NOW!" Heck, here's my buck for a cover. I believe this is a first for such an innovative idea. It's great! When this era of comics passes for the golden age just think how rare this item will be.

Any chance of getting a copy of EB'NN #2 thru NOW—then I know I'll have a complete collection when NOW publishes #3 and on.

You're exciting, NOW!

Thanks,
ROGER REIGSLAD
Wilmor, MN

Hiya, John Q. Adams here responding to CBG cover story on the upcoming NOW Comics Preview in ish #644.

Am enclosing 25¢ (coin) for flat P&H costs and would appreciate it if you could send me a cover when they're available.

Thanks,
JOHN Q. ADAMS
Lockport, NY

Okay you guys—enclosed is 25¢. Please send me a cover to your do-it-yourself NOW Comics Preview comic.

I've got to know how the story ends and I can't possibly have a comic in my collection without a cover, now can I! In all seriousness I enjoyed your do-it-yourself comic. It was a lot of fun.

Thanks,
RANDY CRAWFORD
Minden, WV

I recently saw your NOW Comics Preview in the C.B.G., and I must say, I was truly impressed. Every title I saw, RALPH SNART, SYPHONS, EB'NN, VECTOR, etc., was fantastic. I'm a die-hard Marvel fan, and it is rare for me to enjoy a comic from another company, because of their standards. Yet, I read your preview and it was just as good as the Marvels. I request the cover for the preview comic, because I want to know how it ends

Sincerely,
DAN MCCORMICK
Madison, WI

I've just finished the preview in the Comics Buyer's Guide and I thought it was really good. If RALPH SNART's own comic is this good you've earned yourself a new fan! I am also very impressed with EB'NN. I've enclosed 25¢ for the cover 'cause I can't wait to find out what happens. Keep up the great work and keep it coming!

Thanks much,
KENT STRUMSKI
Roscoe, IL

I would like to order one copy of the cover for the NOW Comics Preview. I have enclosed 25¢

It may interest you that I liked the preview, and have reserved a copy of SYPHONS #1 and VECTOR #1 at my local comics dealer.

Sincerely,
DAVID PURVER
Lynchburg, VA

Great idea having the insert in CBG. With so many independents out there these days, you really need something different in the way of promotion to attract the reader to pick that first issue. It made me stop and look—hope it works well for you. Here's 25¢ for a copy of the cover, and thanks for the freebie.

O.K., I'll bite.

Enclosed please find my 25¢ for the cover and conclusion to the inserted comic in the Comics Buyer's Guide, #650.

I haven't read the book yet, (I hate to wait to find out how the stories end) but I think you've hit upon a great way to introduce your product to lovers of the illustrated story. I hope it works out for you.

Sincerely,
BOB KUJAWSKI
Traverse City, MI



I am most eagerly awaiting the first issues to each of your newest comics, RALPH SNART, VECTORS and SYPHONS.

Sincerely,
PATRICK J. POTTER
Largo, FL

Loved your preview. Enclosed is 25¢ for the cover

Already being an EB'NN fan I hope this gives him more exposure.

Any back issues available?

Thank you,
JERRY HELM
Decatur, AL

Enclosed is 25¢ for the NOW Comics Preview color cover. Please send it to the below address. I can't wait until your comics come out! Long live Ralph Snart!

Yours sincerely,
TERRENCE WILLITTS
Orange City, FL

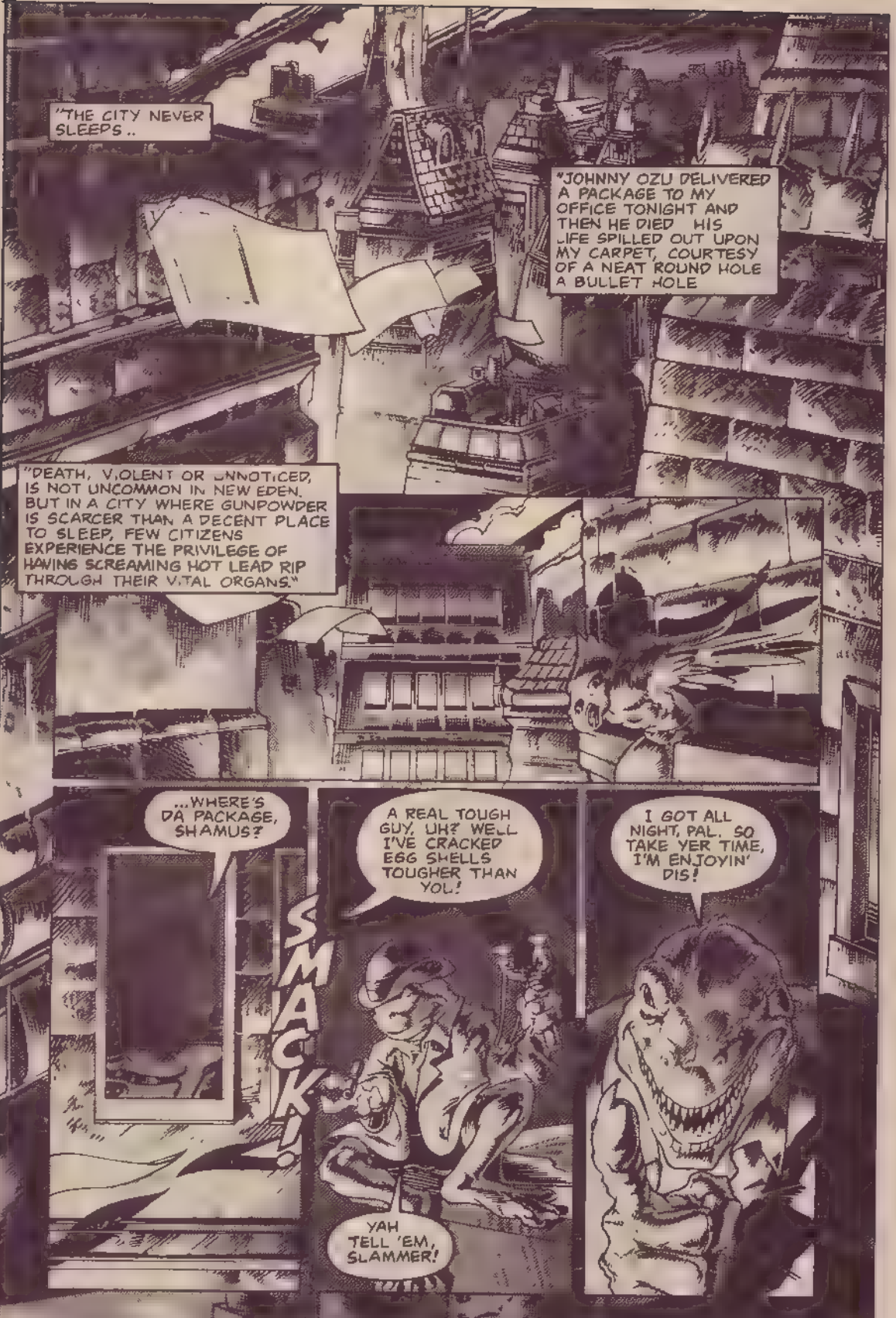
Good luck,
WALTER C. PRICE
S. Hadley, MA

Please send me a cover for the NOW Comics Preview that was printed in CBG #650. Enclosed is 25¢ for postage and handling

Your venture deserves great success. Any company with your imagination deserves success.

Peace, live long and prosper
JERRY EDWARDS
Vancouver, WA

The enthusiasm for NOW COMICS everyone has expressed is really gratifying. We're sure no one will be disappointed when the books finally arrive. Regarding back issues, including EB'NN #2, they will be available through NOW COMICS for consumers, and distributors.



"THE CITY NEVER SLEEPS ..

"JOHNNY OZU DELIVERED A PACKAGE TO MY OFFICE TONIGHT AND THEN HE DIED HIS LIFE SPILLED OUT UPON MY CARPET, COURTESY OF A NEAT ROUND HOLE A BULLET HOLE

"DEATH, VIOLENT OR UNNOTICED, IS NOT UNCOMMON IN NEW EDEN, BUT IN A CITY WHERE GUNPOWDER IS SCARCER THAN A DECENT PLACE TO SLEEP, FEW CITIZENS EXPERIENCE THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING SCREAMING HOT LEAD RIP THROUGH THEIR VITAL ORGANS."

...WHERE'S DA PACKAGE, SHAMUS?

A REAL TOUGH GUY, UH? WELL I'VE CRACKED EGG SHELLS TOUGHER THAN YOU!

I GOT ALL NIGHT, PAL. SO TAKE YER TIME, I'M ENJOYIN' DIS!

YAH TELL 'EM, SLAMMER!

"I DON'T USUALLY KEEP COMPANY THIS LATE, BUT TONIGHT THE GUESTS JUST WOULDN'T GO HOME I DREAD TO THINK WHAT THE NEIGHBORS ARE SAYING ABOUT ME, THE PRIVATE EYE WHO LIVES UPSTAIRS, ALOIS..."

SILVERWING

YOU BOYS ARE WASTING YOUR TIME PLAYING THE MIDDLEMEN ALL THE SMART MONEY'S MADE FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT.

WHAT DO AH MEAN?

WHAT MAKES YAH THINK WE AIN'T ALREADY IN BUSINESS FOR OURSELVES, SILVERWING?

NAMELY BRAINS AND THE LACK OF THEM

SMACK!

WAP!

LIZARD, I'M
GONNA BREAK
YER !

EASY,
SLAMMER,
EASY!

I...I'M
CALLING THE
SHOTS OR
YOU GET
NOTHING!

SO WHATTA YAH
SAY, SLAMMER,
WANNA LISTEN TA
THE GUMSHOE'S
PROPOSAL?

NIX TA
DAT! WE
AIN'T GONNA
COMPLICATE
DIS DEAL!

YAH HEARD 'EM,
BIG GUY, DO TOO
MUCH DAMAGE AN'
DA LIZARD AIN'T
GONNA TALK TA
NOBODY!

YEAH! AIN'T
NO REASON TA
COMPLICATE
DIS DEAL!

"I HATE TOADS"

"I'LL TELL
YOU WHY."

HEY,
SLAMMER,
I GOT AN
IDEA...

"YOU CAN'T
TRUST THEM!"





DAT
OUGHTA
SATISFIED
'EM

NOW WE CAN TALK
REPTILE TA REPTILE, YAH
TELL ME WHERE YAH
HIDE THE "PACKAGE" AN
I'LL UNTIE YAH.

WHY
SHOULD
I TRUST
YOU?



'CAUSE I'M
DA ONLY THING
KEEPIN' YA FROM
ENDIN' UP ON
DA BOTTOM OF
DA RIVER!

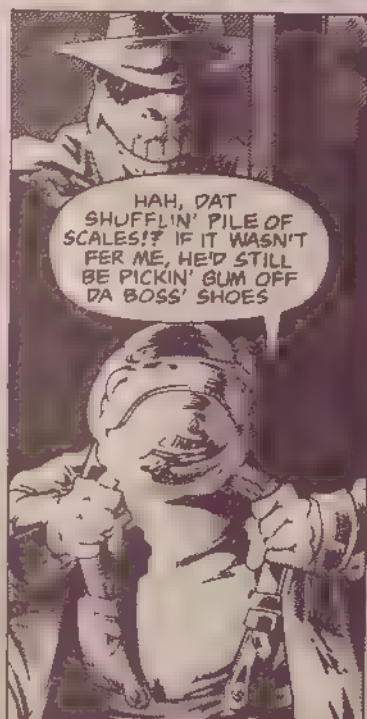
THEN YOU'D
HAVE NOTHING
AND I'D BE
WET SO WHAT?



OKAY, OKAY
YAH SPILL,
WE SPLIT
FIFTY-FIFTY!



ARE YOU
LETTING
THE SLAMMER
IN ON OUR
LITTLE DEAL?

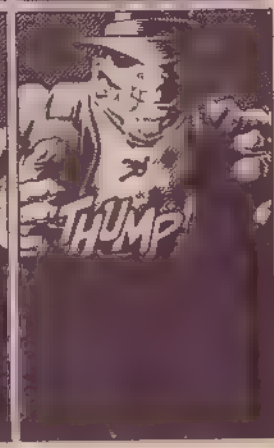
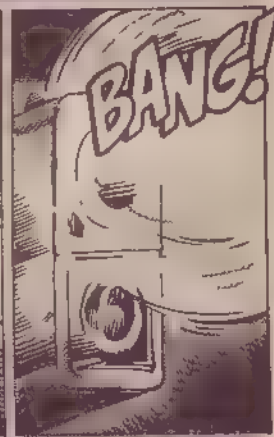
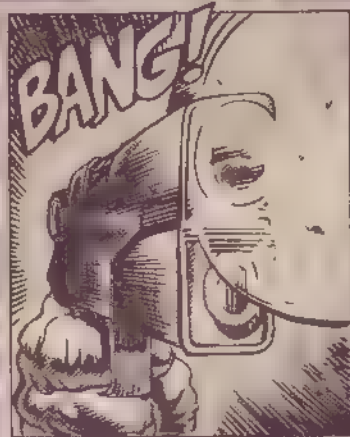
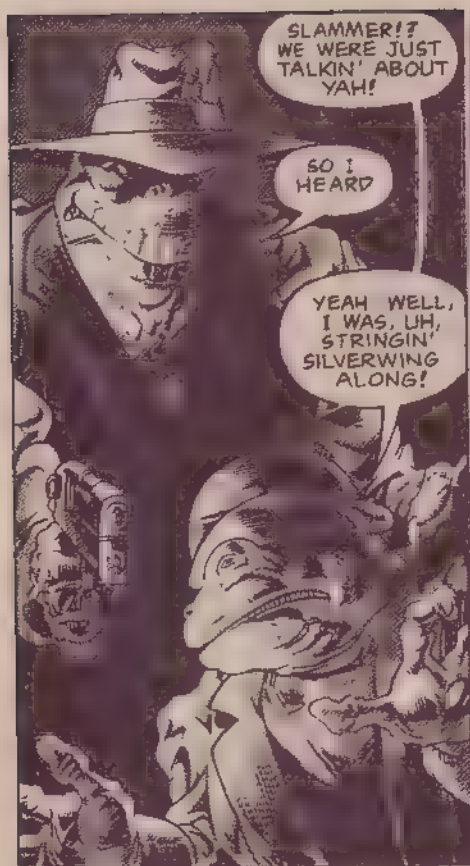


HAH, DAT
SHUFFLIN' PILE OF
SCALES! IF IT WASN'T
FER ME, HE'D STILL
BE PICKIN' GUM OFF
DA BOSS' SHOES



WHO'S GONNA
P.C.K YAH OFF
DA BOT TOM OF MY
SHOE, PUNK?

URK!



"THE SLAMMER
SWALLOWED THE
SLUGS LIKE THEY
WERE CANDY

"THE 'BIG GUY'
HAD ENOUGH LEAD
IN HIM TO SINK A
BATTLESHIP

BANG!

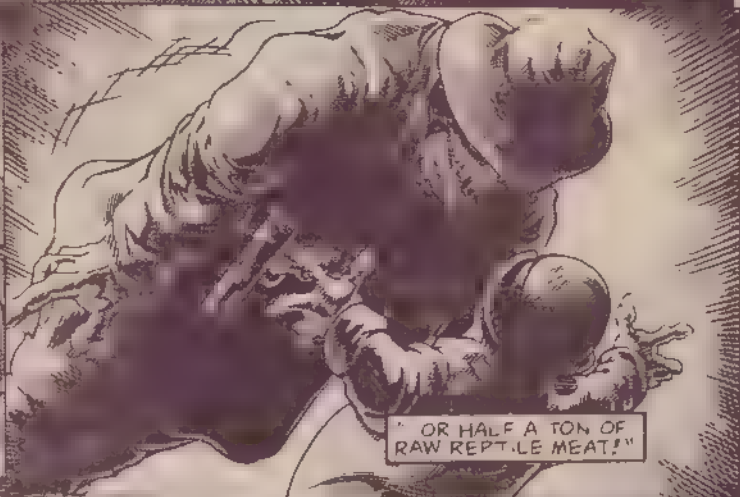
**BANG!
BANG!**

BANG!

**BANG!
CLICK!
CLICK!**



**CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!**



"OR HALF A TON OF
RAW REPTILE MEAT!"



SPAT!



**KNOCK!
KNOCK!**



ALOIS,
I HEARD
SHOTS
WHAT THE
...?

CRASH!

DAMN!

WHY IF IT ISN'T
CAPTAIN O'BRIEN
OF THE N.E.P.D.
HOW ABOUT A
GAME OF CHESS?

"IT'S NOTHING AGAINST
THE CAPTAIN AND HIS
HIGHLY TRAINED POLICE
FORCE, BUT THEY DO A
LOUSY JOB."

HEY!

COOL!
WHAT DID
YA FIND?

"THEN AGAIN, CAN YOU
BLAME THEM? WITH OVER
A DOZEN MURDERS A
NIGHT, YOU CAN'T SEARCH
EVERY STUFF YOU DRAG IN"

DON'T KNOW

"ESPECIALLY A
BUM LIKE JOHNNY
OZU IT WAS
OBVIOUS HE HAD
NOTHING OF
VALUE EXCEPT
MAYBE A LITTLE

"GUNPOWDER!"

IT AIN'T NO
SACRAMENT!

BURN IT
WITH THE
PANDA!

"DUST TO DUST,
ASHES TO ASHES...
THE CITY NEVER
SLEEPS, BUT WE
ALL DO EVENTUALLY
RIGHT, JOHNNY?"

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